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Water Surplus Ruling Needed

By Stuart Parker

In the wake of higher water rates for residents here, a proposed transfer of water department funds has become a contested item from the standpoint of several members of Town Council.

Whether Town Council can transfer \$130,665 from surplus water department funds to the general revenue budget, as requested by Town Manager Edward A. Caba, has been left to the legal judgement of Town Solicitor Lambert Ollari.

Caba requested the transfer "to be used toward the new budget. This is money the water department owes the town," Caba told councilors at Monday's regular meeting of the council at the Public Library.

Caba's assessment was met with a wave of inquiry by councilors. Precinct 4 councilor Thomas Coppola not only asked Ollari for a written decision concerning the legality of the transfer, but also asked the administration for documented records showing where the water department might owe other town departments, such as the DPW, funding for salaries, materials, etc.

Precinct 3 councilor Jack Shaghtinessy asked whether debts were incurred prior to 1975 when the department was to be self sufficient.

Councilor Andrew C. Gallano, from Precinct 5, cited a town ordinance requiring surplus revenue from the water department to be used to lower the next year's water rates.

Most vocal of all to speak against the transfer were members of the Citizens for Good Government - Group B.

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Attempting To Come Back From Fire...

Swiss Club Seeks Building Support

By Stuart Parker

While the melting snow is only now exposing the charred remains of the Swiss Club in Feeding Hills, the vision has been fresh in the mind of Club President John Fedier for the past year.

The Swiss Club of 690 North Street, one of the town's oldest, suffered from continual vandalism before being struck by arson on January 28 of 1981. The club has lost furniture valued in excess of \$4,000 and the building was valued at \$36,000. Replacement costs have soared beyond \$50,000.

The club especially regrets the arson as its small membership could no longer afford the insurance premiums at the time of the fire.

Fedier's father, Joseph, helped build the club 70 years ago in 1913. Since that time the club has served to bring those of Swiss heritage together with dance, food, and song.

"It revived the memories of the elders and passed tradition to their children," Fedier recalled. "We now hold club meetings in my home, but it's not quite the same."

"The club was a place for weddings and outings that can't be matched with the current situation," Fedier said.

Fedier says he especially missed the annual "Children's Lampion Festival." "We have ten wooded acres around the club where we would build a bonfire. Then the children would parade around the fire with their lampions, light paper made in the shape of a ball with a flame in the center. They would then hold it high over their heads on a stick."

"We always had a great evening of it every January

8. It's the same as a salami atop a greased poll for the Italians, or the Fourth of July and fireworks. It's tradition, and after carrying it on here for 70 years I'm not going to sit idly by and watch it come to an end."

Earlier this year, he and 40 volunteers received a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for 1983 by popping 650 pounds of popcorn. The event took place in the Springdale Mall with the help of promoter Peter Savioli.

Individual bags of popcorn were exchanged for donations by shoppers and the Swiss Club's rebuilding fund climbed to over \$2,000.

"We still have a long way to go," remarked Fedier. "To begin construction we'll need at least \$8,000."

In conjunction with Fedier's campaign for rebuilding funds, he also is attempting to solicit new members into the ranks and has been working toward a solution of the crimes committed against the club.

"I've spoken with many of the neighbors and found where much of our stolen property has gone from these conversations. While most of it can't be recovered, I'm glad to say the police has returned an old radio to me earlier this week."

Fedier has posted a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the culprits and has also offered \$500 for information leading to the return of the stolen furniture.

Fedier believes that rebuilding the Swiss Club will be a few years in the making, but suggests that people interested in joining the club should contact him at 737-4457. Individuals with information on vandalism at the site can also contact this number.

Firefighters Feted On Retirements



THREE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, who retired with a total of 84 years service to the town, were awarded certificates of honor by Town Manager Edward A. Caba (left). Receiving certificates for their many years of service to Agawam were, (next to Caba); Frank Karakla, "Red" Edmonds, and Noel Brown. Looking on are Acting Fire Chief Russell Jenks and Fred Harpin. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

56 Teachers Receive Pink Slips

By Joanne Brown



Agawam Education Association President
Andrew Bower

Reaction from 56 local teachers and one administrator who received letters of intent to dismiss last Monday is "better than last year, for the most part," according to Agawam Education Association President Andrew Bower.

"The situation is still serious, though most of the teachers had been through the same thing last year and were better prepared for it on Monday," Bower said. Last year, 109 teachers received such notices.

Special School Board Meeting Held

School Committee members met for a special session last Friday, March 12th, to determine when notices of dismissal would be sent and to whom. State law and the AEA contract calls for notification by April 15th with thirty days prior warning.

Superintendent of Schools James Bruno explained that, due to "declining enrollment and fiscal constraints of Proposition 2½," 42 non-tenured teachers, 14 tenured, and the lowest administrator in seniority would be notified of the possibility they would not be

rehired next year.

Bruno said each area of certification was reviewed carefully for where possible cuts might have to be made "if the worst occurred." If there were not enough non-tenured teachers in any one particular area, then the list had to extend to names of those on tenure according to seniority.

Mrs. Barbara Kimball had been bumped back to a teaching post from her former post as Danahy School principal last year when the school closed. She was appointed principal at Peirce School recently, yet, as junior administrator in the system, also received a notice "to keep all options open," according to Bruno.

"We don't actually anticipate having to let go any of the tenured teachers," Bruno said, "and we hope this year can be like last year with most of the staff being recalled."

He added that "in case worse comes to worse" he was obligated to notify these 57 individuals by March 15th that they will get letters of dismissal on April 15th.

Deadline Extension Requested

He told board members that he had requested an extension of this deadline from Agawam Education Association members.

"I felt that with a couple of more months maybe fewer or no notices would have to be sent," he declared.

The executive board of the association turned down the requested extension unanimously.

According to Bower, teachers felt notices should be received as soon as possible to allow them to begin making future plans.

Edward Merrill, chairman of the teachers' contract negotiating committee, pointed out that teachers also want to get paperwork to collect unemployment in process.

"Most of these teachers have heavy financial obligations and cannot afford to be without an income, even for a few weeks," Merrill explained.

Bower indicated more notices had been sent out than expected by teachers, but he is "still hopeful most won't be laid off because of the terrible effect the loss of so many teachers will have on the quality of education in Agawam."

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Tuesday, March 22
School Committee Meeting
Junior High Cafeteria
7 PM

Thursday, March 25th
Conservation Commission
Town Hall
7:00 PM

Monday, April 5th
Town Council Meeting
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8:00 P.M.

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**COLONIAL FUNERAL
CHAPEL**

8-Mile Walkathon To Benefit CROP

Local churches in Agawam will march in an effort to help the hungry of the United States and around the world.

Agawam church leaders, community leaders, youth groups, clubs and organizations will join together on May 16th in an eight mile walk.

Persons who will participate in the march will solicit pledges and the funds will be turned over to CROP, which is the local hunger appeal of Church World Services.

An Agawam community leader, Gerald J. Mason, will direct the local drive.

Churches which will be active in the drive include; Agawam Baptist Church, Agawam Congregational, Agawam United Methodist, Feeding Hills Congregational, St. Anthony of Padua, St. David's Episcopal, St. John the Evangelist, St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, Sacred Heart, and Valley Community Church.

Over 90 cents of each dollar solicited in the drive goes directly to the needy. Funds that are solicited from the hunger walk are distributed as follows: 50 percent is used locally through the OPEN PANTRY, located at the Old First Church, Court Square, Springfield.

It provides short-term, emergency food for individuals and families. These people are without resources and cannot immediately obtain relief.

Most people in the Greater Springfield area are not aware that there are people in their own communities,

sometimes even neighbors, who have an emergency food crisis.

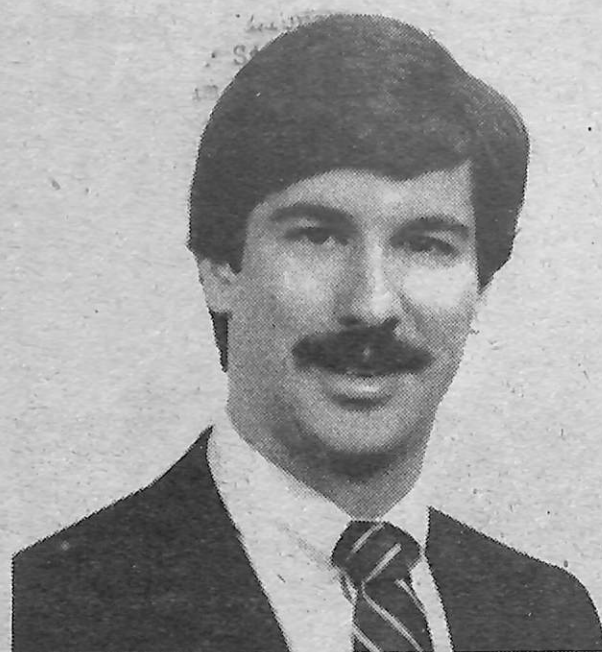
Children often are the victims of hunger from circumstances beyond their control. The elderly, trying to get by on very low, fixed incomes, may get caught short because of other emergency and health needs.

Hard-working people unexpectedly lose a job or quickly exhaust their resources. Social security or pension checks get lost in the mail and leave people without the means to buy food. OPEN PANTRY has provided food, on an emergency basis, to about 5000 local people each year for the past four years; the remaining 50 percent is distributed to over 50 countries throughout the world through the Church World Services.

The funds will purchase food for the hungry, develop the means to provide water to those that have none, initiate and improve medical services, aid in agricultural and development through better farming techniques and systems to irrigate barren lands so they will create food for the needy.

If you wish to help, please call your local church and volunteer or call the Drive Director, Gerald J. Mason at 786-1460 or 786-5624, or just walk into our weekly meeting each Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Mill Street in Agawam.

You will be greeted warmly by the CROP volunteers.



Maruca Declares Senate Candidacy

Businessman Joseph Maruca, calling for an end to the "permissiveness of our criminal justice system," for laws to protect senior citizens, and for lower insurance rates, announced his candidacy for the State Senate seat presently held by Alan Sisitsky.

A Republican, Maruca is the manager of the Winchester Auto School in Springfield and believes the state should "encourage the expansion of small business and the development of new business to create more and better jobs for all the people of our area."

Maruca is a member of the Longmeadow Republican Town Committee and was a delegate to the recent Republican State Convention. At age 16, he was founder of the Young Republicans Club at Longmeadow High School.

He has served as campaign coordinator for several candidates, most recently for Frank Hatch and for Iris Holland. He attended the 1976 Republican National Convention in Kansas City.

Maruca attended public schools in Springfield and Longmeadow and earned a B.A. in business administration from the Boston University School of Management.

He is a volunteer firefighter in Longmeadow and vice president of the Longmeadow Firefighters Association. He is also a member of the Agawam Sportsmen's Club and the Springfield Sportsmen's Club.

Water Rates, Continued From Page 1

Group B President Rose Costa said, "We're tired of the excessive water rates. Since the 1975 water department has shown a surplus of revenue, and the latest report shows a surplus of \$180,000, we should be getting lower rates."

Costa said she could not understand how the town could raise water rates while the water department showed a surplus, and said her group supports using the money to lower existing rates.

The group claimed they were not against money for the water department, but said they support keeping water department revenues within the department.

Caba said the money is being transferred back into the general fund to replace money from the account that was used in 1975 to help the water department pay a bonded debt.

Caba noted that former Manager Richard J. Bowen has already figured the money into the general fund for this year and that the council approved this move last year.

Ollari is expected to return with a ruling over the legality of the transfer at the next meeting on March 29.

Library Changes Charge-Out Policy

Beginning Thursday, April 1st, the Agawam Public Library will discontinue its renewal policy. Because of staff shortages created by the loss of CETA employees and Proposition 2½, the library is unable to continue its renewal service.

In order to avoid any inconvenience to patrons, the library will change its charge-out system. As of Monday, March 1st, most books and art prints will be charged out for a period of four weeks instead of two. Magazines, records, new 14-day books, reserve materials, and books on the best seller list will continue to circulate for two weeks.

Fines will remain at 10¢ a day for overdue art prints and at 2¢ a day for all other overdue material.

The library staff regrets that it must discontinue its renewal service, but hopes the new charge-out system will allow greater access to the library's resources for all patrons.

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Chmielewski Hopeful Council Will Revoke Arcade License

Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski said today he remains "hopeful" that Town Council will revoke the license for a Feeding Hills video games arcade that police say is the site of numerous alcohol and drug-related problems.

Set Public Hearing

Acting on a motion from councilor Walter T. Kerr, of Precinct 2, Town Council voted unanimously to conduct a public hearing and then determine what type of action will be taken against Robert A. DiSimone, owner of the Village Arcade.

"When I sent the letter to members of the council describing what the department believes to be a serious situation there, I did it only after attempting in every manner to cooperate with Mr. DiSimone."

"Only after I saw that the attempts by members of the department and myself to clear up the problems with the management had fallen on deaf ears did I feel it necessary to ask the council to revoke the license," Chmielewski said. "I believe the council will look at this thing and hopefully they will agree with the department's assessment."

Chmielewski's report to the council cited numerous incidents occurring at the site since it opened its doors approximately 18 months ago.

Precinct One councilor Mario DeLucchi said at Monday's meeting that he had received several phone calls from irate residents about children receiving drugs from "people in that place. This is something we don't need. It's not good for the town," DeLucchi said.

Councilors acknowledged Monday that the public hearing would give the owners of the amusement room the opportunity to explain the situation and also bring forward residents of Feeding Hills who have repeatedly called police about incidents at the arcade, located in the Village Shops.

There had been no serious incidents this month until this past weekend. Police and witnesses said a gang of youths who had just left the arcade attacked and harassed two middle aged women in their car after they drove into the mall parking lot.

Managed To Escape

The women managed to escape and called police from a nearby phone booth. When police arrived, the youths had fled and police are continuing to investigate the case.

Police witnesses said the gang tried to break the

Police Officials Head Coffee Day



POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI and SAFETY OFFICER ALFRED LONGHI once again headed the local Easter Seals' "Coffee Day" on March 11th. Residents were asked to buy a Coffee Day button at local coffee shops and the money was then donated to the charity. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

car's windshield and that one member "was very drunk."

"I was not surprised that this happened again," Chmielewski said. It's been happening over and over during these past months and as I said in my letter to the council, the arcade has become a serious public menace and is hurting the business of adjacent merchants."

He added, "The council's action Monday night showed their concern about the situation and in all fairness, they want to see this thing resolved in the

name of fair play to everyone involved."

The council is expected to set a public hearing date at its next meeting in two weeks.

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Cash Reward Offered For Info

A cash reward is being offered to help find the persons who broke into Agawam Country Club early Monday morning and damaged several golf carts, valued at \$1,800, after riding them around the course.

Police Detective Walter Letellier said one of the electric cars was found behind the Junior High School and another was found behind the Agawam Advertiser/News.

Letellier said the suspects apparently were riding the cars around the area and left them where the batteries ran out.

After assessing the damage, club owner Walter Czelusniak of Springfield said he will offer a cash reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest and convictions of the villains.

The break was discovered shortly after 3:18 Tuesday morning when, during a routine check along Southwick Street, Patrolman Robert Landers discovered that the club's maintenance building had been broken into.

Five golf carts had been taken away from the building and five more were damaged. Four of the carts that were taken out were found elsewhere and one is still missing, Letellier said.

"We have a pretty good idea where the individuals who did this hang around and we are on this case to find those responsible as soon as possible," he said. "The residents of this town and the businessmen have had enough of this type of activity."

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"The Glass Menagerie" is the story of the Wingfield family, remnants of Southern gentility now living in poverty in a drab St. Louis apartment.

The Wingfields really live in a world of illusion; a world fueled by mother Amanda's tragic hopes and machinations, protected by son Tom's ineffectiveness, and embodied in daughter Laura's infirmity and the fragility of her glass menagerie.

All are imperiled by the arrival of the gentleman caller, Tom, an event upon which the action of the play is based.

To capture the atmosphere of the play, the Players will be attempting some innovative technical effects with light and music.

In honor of the 50th production, the Players will be admitting free every 50th person attending the play.

Tickets for "The Glass Menagerie" will be \$5; students - \$4, and group rates are available.

Early reservations are strongly urged and may be made by calling the Pioneer Answering Service at (203) 623-4483. Seating will be theatre style.

The play will be held at Mapleton Hall on Mapleton Avenue in Suffield.

Tea Held For Candidate Melconian



CANDIDATE FOR THE STATE SENATE seat in the Second Hampden Hampshire District, Linda Melconian (right), chats with residents at tea held for her at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Sunday. Melconian, a Democrat, is vying for the seat now held by Alan Sisitsky. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Laughing Brook Slates March Events

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring an afternoon program celebrating the birthdate of New England naturalist and poet Robert Frost. "Poetry Outdoors" is set for Saturday, March 27th, at 2 p.m., the day after Frost's birthday.

Stanley Koehler, a professor of English at the University of Massachusetts, is the program leader. Selected poems by Frost will be read along the trails at the sanctuary. Additional comments on natural history, including the changing New England landscape observed by Frost, will be provided by Audubon staff members.

The program is open to the public and a fee is charged. Refreshments will be served.

"Exploring the Connecticut Valley" will be offered at Laughing Brook in conjunction with the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum beginning Saturday, March 27th, at 10 a.m.

The course will combine alternating weeks of indoor lecture and demonstrations with outdoor field trips to unique areas of the Connecticut Valley. Geology, paleontology and recent natural history will be the main topic areas for the course.

Space for this course is limited and pre-registration is required.

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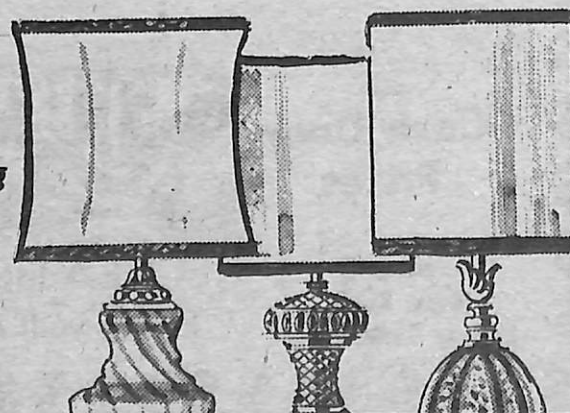
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THE REVEREND FRANK DUNN, although retired from the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills for nearly a year, still stays active in his "Community Mobilization" program which is aimed to take some of the sting out of crime. Dunn is constantly in contact with Senators Robert Dole and Edward Kennedy about the program. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Rev Dunn Continues Push For Crime Funds

The Reverend Frank E. Dunn, former pastor of Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills, today announced that his "Community Mobilization Program" is now proceeding through the Congress and he expects a decision on the anti-crime bill in the near future.

Rev. Dunn retired from Valley Community Church last April but has remained active in his drive to secure funding for the anti-crime project, slated to begin in several cities across the United States.

The cornerstone of Dunn's proposal, which is sanctioned by the American Council of Churches in which Dunn formerly presided, is to create an atmosphere of citizen involvement in preventing crime.

Dunn proposal has been formally endorsed by at least one prominent national magazine, **U.S. News And World Report**.

Dunn said, "I think the time has come for Americans to unite together to combat this growing disease of crime that creates an atmosphere of fear and terror in our cities and has now filtered into even the rural areas of this great land."

Dunn remains in close contact with powerful Kansas Senator Robert Dole and Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy over the program which will cost millions when fully operational.

Dunn says the money spent now "will keep us from spending 20 times the amount to stop crime by current methods" in the future and will also provide "a more secure environment for our citizens."

Stage West Plans Square Dance

StageWest will hold a square dance on Friday, March 19th, following the evening performance of "Artichoke."

Internationally famed caller Norm Choquette will be heading the festivities which include a colorful and lively demonstration by members of local square dance organizations followed by audience participation.

The entire evening of family entertainment is only the cost of your theater ticket.

For tickets and information, call the StageWest Box Office at 781-2340. StageWest is located on Memorial Avenue within the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.

Library Slates Mystery Movie

As the second movie in its mini-mystery series, the Agawam Public Library will show the film "Rebecca" on Thursday, March 25th, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

This classic Hitchcock tale stars Lawrence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, Judith Anderson, and George Sanders in an adaptation of the novel by Daphne DuMaurier about a young bride who comes to a mysterious manor in England, where she is haunted by the memory of her husband's first wife.

The movie is free and lasts two hours. The library has parking and access for the handicapped.

Diabetes Workshop Scheduled

A workshop entitled "How Does Diabetes Change The Family" for young people with diabetes, their families and their friends has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th, at the Agawam Public Library's Community Room at 6:30 p.m.

An audio-visual presentation on the Elliott P. Joslin Camp will be done by Paul Madden, camp administrator and director.

Admission is free and open to the public. Sugar free refreshments will be served and free sugar-free cookbooks will be given to all new members.

For more information, call the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation at 789-2244 or 786-1905.

Classical Class of '52 Reunion

The Lost and Found Committee of the Classical High School Class of 1952 is trying to locate members of their graduating class in order to hold a 30th year reunion this year.

Anyone who knows the address of a member of this class is asked to call one of the following people:

Barbara Barton Schabowski (786-7147); Sally Chandler (786-0618); Richard Goodman (567-8649); Stella Rinkewich Harvey (525-6766); Carl Mendola in Warehouse Point (203-627-5490) or Betty Ledger Prew in Suffield (203-668-5281).

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Stigmatine Scholarship Committee To Meet

The Stigmatine Scholarship Fund Committee will meet on Sunday, March 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam.

Persons wishing to join this committee which raises funds to aid young men preparing for the priesthood are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 24
Diabetes Workshop
Public Library
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27
Poetry Outdoors
Laughing Brook
Hampden Grounds
2 p.m.

Thursday, March 25
Film Series
"REBECCA"
Public Library
7 p.m.

Sunday, March 28
Committee Meeting
Stigmatine Scholars
St. Anthony Hall
7:30 p.m.



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Proud parents BRUCE & BRENDA THERIAQUE welcomed their first child, a son, BRAD HEATH, into the world on Tuesday, March 16th. Tipping in at 9 pounds, baby Brad measured 22½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are JACK & MARGARET DEVINE of Campbell Drive, and we here at the newspaper, have heard about little else from our irrepresible photographer.

Paternal grandparents are BEVERLY THERIAQUE of West Springfield and KEN THERIAQUE of Agawam.

Good luck to all, especially to Brenda, who had such a long wait for this special bundle of joy.

JOHN & LISA FRANKIN have a wonderful new addition to their home. Their first child, AMY LOUISE, entered the world on Thursday, March 11th and weighed in at 6 pounds, 8 ounces. Although both sets of grandparents live in different parts of the country, as soon as spring arrives, all the grandparents are planning to make the trip to Agawam to officially welcome Amy. Friends and Neighbors welcomes you to the community Amy and congratulations to the Franklins.

Seventy-two of Agawam's friends and neighbors recently got together for a "Special Agawam Day." They held a large, family-type picnic and enjoyed swimming by the white sparkling sands.

In case you are wondering where they found water warm enough at this time of year, this group of Agawam folks was at Tarpin Springs, Florida and held the picnic at beautiful Howard Park. It was a terrific day for all. A Park Ranger stopped by to alert them to the fact that no beer was allowed in the park so they had better keep it off the tables.

Retired police sergeant JOHN CHRISCOLA was quick to respond to the advice of the ranger; "Don't go swimming, there are sharks." All in all, it was a great day and there are, of course, more Agawam friends & neighbors in the area who could not attend. Everyone is looking forward to this becoming a big annual event from now on. The first Agawam Day was organized by former Police Chief KENNETH GRADY and LARRY PISANO, Sr.

Happy 44th anniversary going out to DOROTHY & HENRY SILVA. Dorothy and Henry are originally from the New England area, but they have spent their entire married life travelling as Henry was in the service.

The couple have visited many foreign countries as well as seen many cities in the United States. They have raised four children during this nomadic life. Two sons, HENRY Jr., and KEVIN, both have followed their father's footsteps and are now in the armed forces. Two daughters, HELEN and KATHLEEN, are both married to civilians. Helen is a school teacher living in California and Kathleen and her family resides in Kansas.

The Silvas have 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Now retired, Henry and Kathleen make their home here but both admit they still plan on travelling, if only to visit their loved ones. Congratulations to you both on 44 years of happiness and we wish you good fortunes in the future.



BRUCE & BRENDA THERIAQUE, proud parents of BRAD HEATH, are on the end of a JACK DEVINE picture on Tuesday. Brenda, by the way, is Jack's daughter, a 1974 graduate of Agawam High. SEE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS.

Stage West Seeks Old Books

Soon, 15,000 unemployed people in Western Massachusetts will be put to work at StageWest, the area's resident professional theater company. This massive employment project is part of the theater's Annual Fund Drive.

The 15,000 in question are not people, but unemployed books, paperbacks and hardcovers that have not been opened in years. Dust-collectors, shelf-sitters, and closet-fillers are particularly in demand. The theater is also interested in "collectables," rare and old editions.

All used books will be repriced and sold at the theater's Annual Book Sale in early June.

Books may be brought to the theater lobby on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield. In addition, there are drop-off points throughout the Pioneer Valley. Special arrangements may be made for large quantities of books.

Contributions of books to StageWest are tax-deductible.

Laughing Brook Offers First Aid Course

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a course for adults interested in becoming certified in standard first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 o'clock beginning March 30th and running four weeks.

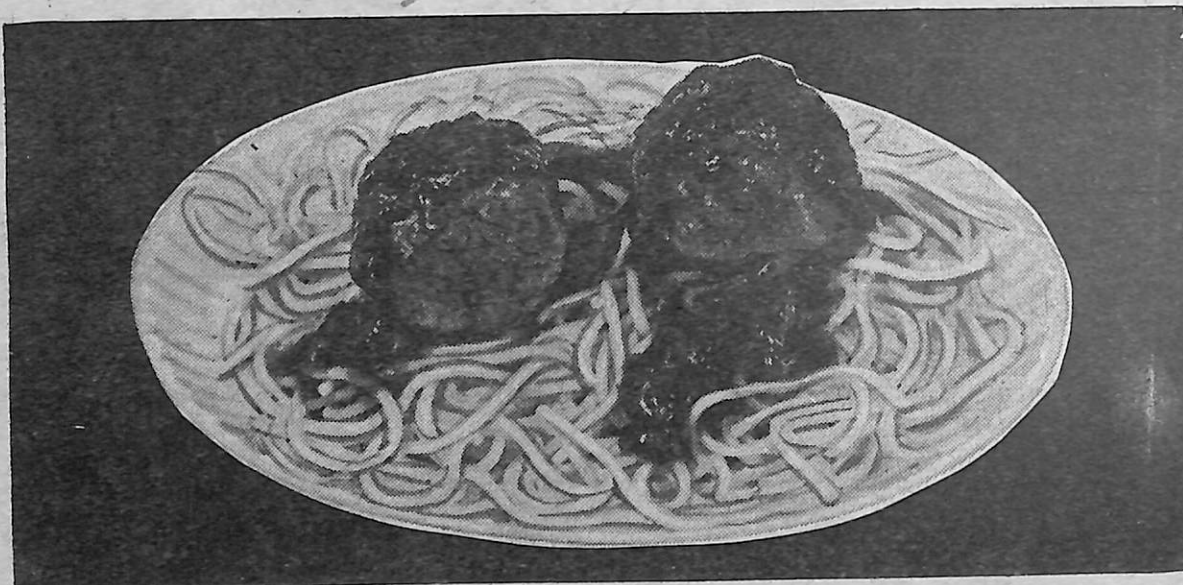
Hampden Town Moderator Dalton Philpott, a volunteer at both sponsoring organizations, will be the instructor. Participants may take either CPR or first aid separately if desired.

Course fees are \$11.50 for first aid and \$7.50 for CPR. Space in the classes is limited and reservations are required in advance. For more information, call (413) 566-8034.

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Community Scrapbook

By Alexis Ferioli

Taupier: 'Man of Vision'

Jim Taupier is a "man of vision" for today and tomorrow. He acquired this distinction through the Agawam Lions' Club and their dedication to eye research and eye care.

Jim is currently president of the Lions' Club and has been an active member for ten years. He chose the Lions in particular when he attended one of their meetings as his brother's guest and then decided he wanted to be a part of the dedication he witnessed.

Jim explains, "I felt that I had come to a point in my life where I wanted to do something for my town. I, as well as other Lions' Club members, enjoy doing something for other people - working for nothing and finding happiness in this alone."

Jim has lived in Agawam for twenty years with his wife Miriam, whom he describes as his "main support." They have a son and two daughters and are thoroughly enjoying their one granddaughter.

Jim's hobbies include golfing and wire art, in which he creates his own designs. He is also an avid camper and spends most of his vacations and weekends in the outdoors meeting people and enjoying nature.

He willingly traces the origin of the Lions' Club from its beginnings in 1917 in Chicago to its current involvement internationally in 159 countries. The Lions' Club chose eye research and eye care as their main project because, at the time of its origination, no other organization was seriously involved in this area.

The local club is dedicated to sight and hearing and is also becoming more involved with diabetes, a leading cause of blindness. According to Jim, he foresees diabetes as an important area of concentration in the very near future.

There are 57 Lions' Clubs in the regional district of which Agawam is a part. As a non-profit organization, the Lions donate all monies earned to eye research. Jim notes there have even been instances in town where needy residents have been able to receive extensive eye surgery and follow-up care for which the Agawam Lions have paid all expenses.

Jim explains that the Agawam Lions are also on call day or night for the Eye Bank in Boston, and every member willingly takes a turn driving to Boston anytime eyes may be needed.



JIM TAUPIER of the Lions Club.

This past year alone, the Lions raised \$7,000 which was matched by the federal government \$10,000 for every \$1,000 they donated.

According to Jim, the club recently donated a laser machine to the Optic Clinic in Springfield, a program the Lions support. Mercy Hospital's Ophthalmic Clinic, the Willie Ross School for the Deaf, and the Springfield Science Museum have all received valuable assistance from the Agawam organization. Braille signs were recently donated to the Touch and See display on African animals at the museum.

Among other recent donations were large-print books given to the Agawam Public Library for use by the visually impaired. They have also sponsored eight youth sports teams and have awarded \$1,700 in educational scholarships to high school students. Several blind persons in town have received Braille watches as gifts from this dedicated group.

In observance of Vision Week 1982 last week, the Lions recommended all residents have a yearly eye exam and glaucoma test. Jim hopes that most residents will continue their support of their annual fundraisers, such as the corned beef and cabbage supper held on Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day.

Jim reminds everyone with old eyeglasses to help the needy by dropping them into Lions' Club barrels, which are located in various local markets and stores.

The Lions' Club is often recognized for its dedication and vigilance concerning eye care and research, and their leader, Jim Taupier, should be commended for the inspiration he gives to his fellow members and to the Town of Agawam.



Happy Quilting

By Suzanne Ashe
Of The Piecemakers Quilt Shop

Hand-Crafted Clothing

Through the centuries, there have been many changes in styles of clothing. Recently we have experienced the popularity of denim and western wear, casual, comfortable look in clothing has become popular. With the rise in popularity of hand-crafts, it is not surprising to find that hand-crafted clothing is now fashionable. We went through a period where making your own clothes was sometimes looked down on by some. Today, however, it is with pride that many of us are creating beautiful and practical pieces of clothing.

For us quilters, making a dress, jacket, vest or garment has endless possibilities. There are so many quilting techniques that can be used to make your piece a personal and original work of art. Making the transition from a quilt to a garment need not be difficult as long as you keep a few things in mind. A quilt has four sides and lies or hangs on a flat surface. A garment, however, is put on a three-dimensional shape. You don't see the whole garment at once. Your design must flow from the front to back. Also, the neckline and armhole curves change the shape of the surface on which you are working.

For many people, as it was for me, it is hard to know where to start planning a design for a garment. One thing is for sure, there are no set rules. You may have an idea and draw a few sketches on paper then find the fabrics that will carry out your idea. Sometimes I'll see a fabric and right away I can see that it would be perfect for use as a mushroom or butterfly for the center of interest on a garment.

The center of interest is where the eye is first drawn to on the garment. It is the most important part of your garment. Since the center of interest will draw the most attention, you want to use this to make the garment work for you. If you have broad shoulders, you don't want the center of interest to bring attention to your shoulders. It is important also that the other areas of piecing relate to the center of interest.

EXAMPLE: If you have a vest with a large appliqued butterfly on the back and some appliqued flowers, the front of the vest might have a few flowers with maybe a smaller butterfly. The large butterfly on the back could be emphasized with lace or embroidery stitches. The butterfly on the front should not be as detailed. This way the front of the vest does not take away from the center of interest on the back, rather it enhances it.

Appliques, reverse applique, embroidery, strip piecing, trapunto, quilting are a few of the quilting techniques you can use to create your garment. Don't be afraid to use several different techniques in the same garment. We in New England tend to be conservative. Just because one side of a vest has a heart applique, it does not mean you have to applique one on the other side exactly like it and at the same place. You may want to applique three smaller hearts on one side and a larger heart on the other.

Making a quilted garment can be an exhilarating experience. There's something wonderful about wearing something you designed yourself. You'll find as you work on a piece, it will give you ideas for the other garments. Write them down. Before you know, you'll be designing a whole wardrobe! For those of you that need a little more help and nice colored pictures to get you started, "A PATCHWORK APPAREL BOOK" by Jean Wells is fantastic!

Stageless Players Slate "Cabaret"

The Western New England College Stageless Players will present the musical "Cabaret" on April 1st - 4th at Duggan Junior High School on Wilbraham Road, Springfield.

Performances will take place at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee slated for Sunday, April 4th. Tickets are \$3 for the general public and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens. They are available for the college's student personnel office or at the door.

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JUDGE'S CHAMBERS: Fun Place

By Rita White

The restaurant business has taken on a new dimension in recent formal dinners, and lunches and dinners for special occasions, and usually only those that were considered wealthy were able to do it very often. That has all changed.

Today we see business lunches, business dinners, brunches, formal dinners, and lunches and dinners for those people who are in the business world and find it more convenient in terms of both time and money to eat out.

It is always a pleasure to find a new restaurant that, in some way, will fit into your lifestyle. The Judge's Chambers Restaurant at the Court House is just such a place. While many may think this restaurant is for members of the Court House only, that is not true. The restaurant is open to the general public to offer its full range of services.

The atmosphere is bright and cheery, suitable for a quiet evening out for two, and yet would make a good spot for a business lunch. There is a clever menu with such features as a Justice Warren F. Burger or such items as a Court Jester or The Prosecutor or The Bondsmen. No hints; you'll have to make a visit there yourself to find out about these delights.

There are luncheon specials daily with quite reasonable prices. As for dinner, again delicious menu items are offered. There is also always a dinner special, and on Fridays and Saturdays, there are a number of specials.

What could be nicer than to sleep late Sunday morning and then get up and go out for a champagne brunch? Sound good? Well, give the Judge's Chambers a try. You'll love it.

If you're looking for entertainment in your life, you still can visit the Judge's Chambers, where there is entertainment on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Just this past Saturday afternoon, a fashion show had an appreciative audience of 100 people. A swim-wear fashion show is planned for May.

Another additional feature is being able to book the room for private parties. The room is available on Mondays and Tuesdays depending on the size of the party. Also, when the Sunday brunch is over at 2:00, the brunch table may be replenished and baby showers and wedding showers held.

So, if you're looking for a great place close to home to have lunch with a friend, take a client to dinner, celebrate an anniversary, or hold a baby shower, be sure to give the Judge's Chambers a try. You can waive your rights to be represented by a lawyer. You'll be your own best representative.



Modeling At The Judge's Fashion Show



LISA DEPALMA, shows off an outfit during a fashion show held in the **JUDGE'S CHAMBERS** in the Court House Racquetball & Health Fitness Club last Saturday. Over 100 women attended the fashion show, sponsored by Casual Corner. Following lunch, Casual Corner, using models enrolled in the club's aerobics program, displayed some of the latest fashions for the spring. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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NEW BEGINNINGS

By Rita White

Just a few more days and spring will officially be on our doorstep. If we're lucky, spring herself will honor the big day and send winter packing. Goodness knows we've all had enough of winter for a long while.

In case you're anxious to see some living signs of spring, you might want to try forcing some standard spring flowers into bloom. You can take some branches of forsythia, dogwood, pussy willow, or magnolia and stand them in water in a cool, shaded place until the buds swell.

If you're a vegetable gardener, you can plant peas in the garden in just another week. You might want to start some other plants in the house now so that by the time regular planting season arrives, you'll have a head start on your garden.

Special birthday greetings go out to Antonia Veronesi on the 19th, to Gladys Francazio on the 21st, to Albert Mason on the 23rd, and to Stella Doy on the 24th. Hope your days are very special with many more to follow.

The last meeting of the Golden Agers was held on March 10th with gift bingo being the attraction of the day. With all the politicking going on about upcoming elections, one might have thought he was in Washington at that meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24th.

There are still some openings for the production **Blithe Spirit** to be shown at Bay Path Jr. College. This is offered free to seniors, but reservations must be made by April 1st. The show will be seen on April 21st at 7:30. Transportation will be provided by the Senior Center for those who need it. Make sure you sign up in time.

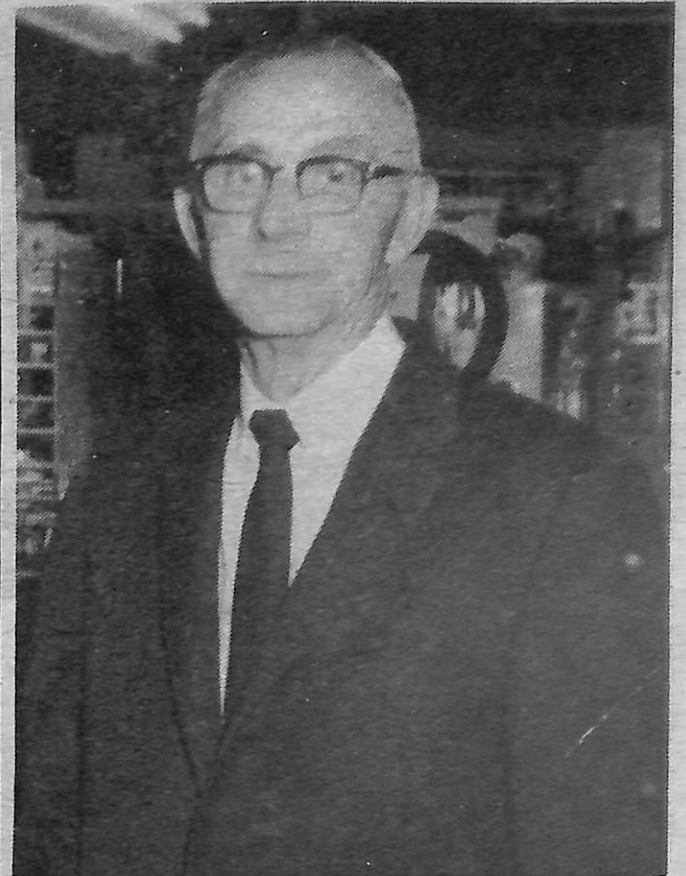
The April appointments for blood sugar testing are already filled. The next date will be May 7th, so make your appointment now before the schedule is filled.

A reminder that Edward Maloney from Springfield Life Underwriters Association will speak at the Senior Center on March 31st at 12:30. This is not a selling program; Maloney will offer a counseling service on supplementary insurance to medi-care. It is important for all seniors to understand their insurance needs and what they already have for coverage. Plan to attend.

Lunches next week look like this: Monday, kielbasa; Tuesday, pot roast; Wednesday, American chop suey; Thursday, chicken croquettes; Friday, clam chowder and grilled cheese. Don't forget to call a day ahead if you are planning to eat lunch at the center so they will know how many to prepare food for.

There are still some events at Heritage Hall you can help with this month. On March 26th from 1:30 to 3, the West Building will hold the monthly birthday party. North Building will do the same on March 24th from 1:45 to 3:30. Stop in and help in the celebrating; it's fun.

OBITUARIES



Harry D. Hout

Harry D. Hout, 79, of 54 Pheasant Hill Drive died Saturday, March 13, 1982, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield unit.

Born in Barberton, Ohio, he lived in Agawam 29 years and was a retired 45-year printer from Diamond Match Company in Springfield. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, Gladys (Julien); a son Donald of Feeding Hills; three daughters, Shirley Pleva, Jacqueline Carranza, and Beverly Juliak, all of Agawam; a sister, Mabel Kap of Rittman, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Colonial Funeral Chapel, Agawam, was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

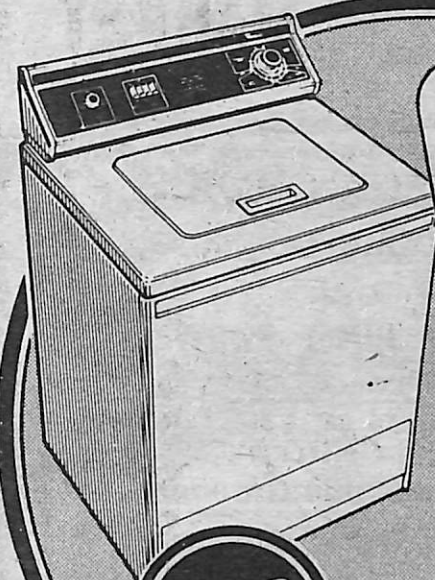
Ruth Stephenson

Ruth (Cesan) Stephenson, 60, of Southinton, CT, died Thursday, March 11, 1982 in Farmington, CT. She is the sister of Lt. David Cesan of the Agawam Fire Department and of John S. Cesan, also of Feeding Hills.

Curran Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, was in charge of services with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.



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A PART OF LIFE...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Chapel

A Word On Cremation

Most people today seem to have the misconception that cremation is the simplest means of disposition of a deceased human body. Actually, cremation, as compared to earth burial, is just an alternative method of disposition following death. Instead of going to a cemetery for burial, the family may choose to go to a crematory for cremation.

Recent statistics indicate that in the United States, less than 10 percent of deaths result in final disposition of the body by cremation. In the use of cremation, most of the customs and rituals that normally make up the funeral may not be significantly altered.

There can still be a visitation and viewing of the deceased. A worship service or ceremony with the body present can be held. There can also be a committal service for the cremated remains. There, usually in a chapel setting, final rites are heard. After family and friends leave, the casket is placed into a specially designed furnace called a "retort."

Through intense heat or fire, the body is quickly reduced to bone fragments in less than two hours. Most times, the bone is pulverized into smaller particles that will easily fit into an urn.

We carry a variety of urns at the COLONIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL from which the family can make a selection. After the cremation has taken place, the family has several options available to them for disposition of the cremated remains. They are:

INURNMENT: The cremated remains in an urn can be permanently located in a niche at a columbarium. Many cemeteries have such facilities ranging from simple to elaborate.

BURIAL: A second option involves burying the cremated remains in an earth grave in the urn. Burials of cremated remains can be in a family plot or a special area available in many cemeteries.

SCATTERING: Strewing the cremated remains is the third option. This requires some pulverization because there are usually some larger bone fragments after cremation. Scattering the cremated remains is possible providing there are no legal prohibitions. A funeral director can advise you about any such restrictions.

Tips On Suitcase Packing

Wherever you are planning to go, you will save yourself a lot of trouble if you pack carefully.

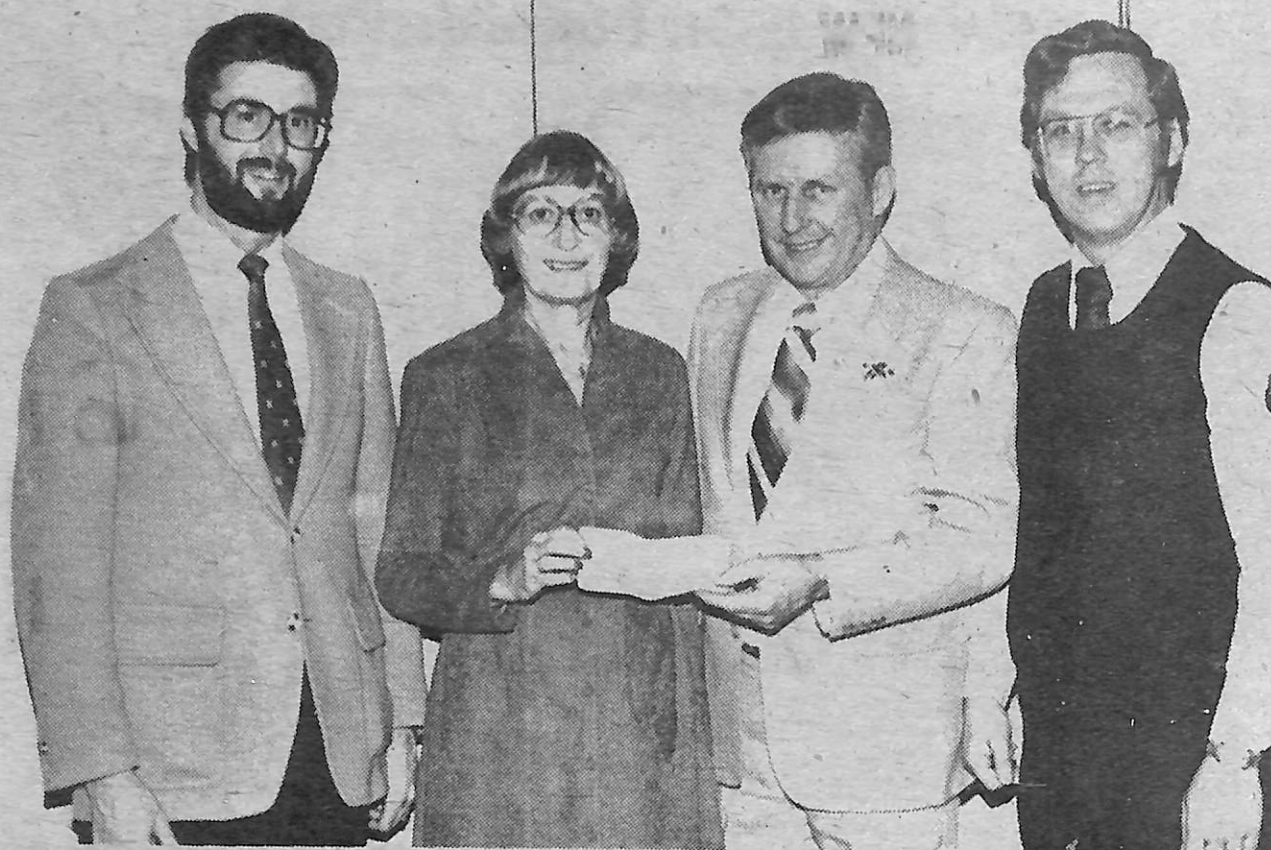
Pack shoes, hair dryers, and other heavy objects at the hinge side of the suitcase so they'll be on the bottom when you carry it. This will avoid crushing your clothing inside the suitcase.

Pack firmly because loosely packed clothes will shift and wrinkle more easily.

Pack in sections which include clothes for similar occasions; for example, sportswear with sportswear, evening wear with evening wear. It's easier to find clothing when needed this way.

Fasten buttons and zippers and then fold everything lengthwise in thirds. This kind of a fold will fall out naturally as you wear the clothing.

Pack liquids such as shampoo and cosmetics in a separate case that can be carried on to plane or train.



BOB MCCARROLL (left) stands proudly beside his mother, **Rita McCarroll** as **Paul Fieldstad** of the **Agawam Lions Club** presents a donation to the **Ray McCarroll Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Looking on is **Harry Camyre**, a **Lions Club** member who had the honor of presenting the check with **Fieldstad**. Advertiser/News photo by **Jack Devine**.

300 Attend McCarroll Scholarship Party

More than 300 enthusiastic people attended the second annual Ray McCarroll Memorial Scholarship Monte Carlo Party at Chez Josef on Sunday, March 14. Members of the Agawam Rotary Club, Police Department, Lions Club and Elks Club served as dealers and game operators.

Over 150 lovely prizes, donated by local businesses, were awarded to lucky winners.

A highlight of the evening was the presence of Rita and Bob McCarroll, widow and son of Ray McCarroll,

the highly respected former manger of the Agawam Food Mart for 26 years. Because of Ray's many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the community, the memorial scholarship fund was established in his honor.

A generous gift presented by the Agawam Lions Club was gratefully received by Rita and Bob McCarroll. The fund is used to provide \$800 or more annually for scholarships for worthy high school seniors who are furthering their education.

Travel Tips

If you plan to travel abroad with your family, proper planning is critical. Plan each day before you leave home so that you can make the most of the time that you're there, and you may eliminate a lot of on-site family squabbles.

Many families choose a trip to England together because, while delightful, quaint, charming and foreign, England also speaks our language. That makes it easy to allow teenagers the freedom to get about a bit on their own, and easier for parents to maneuver even with very young children.

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TAX TIPS

by John Walsh
Agawam CPA

MORE HINTS ON ITEMIZING

Continuing on from taxes, the next area of itemizing deduction is interest expenses. Among the interest items are home mortgage, finance charges on revolving charge accounts, interest on auto loans, interest charged on late payment of taxes (but not penalties).

However, penalties levied by the state may be deducted on the Federal return, if there was not a willful violation of state law. This becomes a gray area, as intent governs, and who is to say what a person's intention was.

An example of what I feel should not be deducted, would be a taxpayer who refuses to make proper state estimated tax payments, year-after-year. A state penalty that I feel should be deducted would result from underpaying the estimated state tax because of a calculation error, or receiving unforeseen income subject to taxation, not covered by the exception.

Also to be deducted would be interest paid on investment property; however, if the total investment interest expense exceeds \$10,000, (\$5,000 if married filing a separate return) then you may have to complete Form 4952, "investment interest expense deduction."

Interest expense that cannot be deducted would be interest on a loan, where the proceeds to earn tax-free income, such as state or municipal bond investments. Also interest on life insurance loans may not be deducted, if instead of paying the interest, it was added to the loan (cash basis taxpayers only).

For additional information on interest expense, obtain Publication 545, from the Internal Revenue Service.

Cut The Cost of Colds

The common cold not only has a tremendous impact on the national economy but on the individual consumer's pocketbook as well, says Dr. George Goldstein, medical director of Winthrop Laboratories, Div. of Sterling Drug Inc., here. Citing data developed by government agencies, epidemiological scientists, and medical and pharmaceutical associations, he points out that in the average year some 90 million men, women, and children — nearly half the total U.S. population — come down with about 98 million colds.

Preschool children average six to 12 upper respiratory infections a year, Dr. Goldstein said. Adults in the 25-to 35-year-old age group come next with about six colds a year, while the older population gets only two or three. The net result is that colds each year account for over 1 million person-years in time lost from work, more than all other reasons combined, and more than half the absences from school.

The cost to industry in lost time and to the consumer in cold remedies and medical expense amounts to a huge \$5 billion a year, Dr. Goldstein noted. Of this amount, consumers spent \$735 million, in 1980 alone, on nonprescription drugs for the temporary relief of cold symptoms.

"Many physicians favor initial home treatment of mild to moderate colds and advise seeking professional help when high fever persists or the cold seems to be getting worse (i.e., fever has returned after a normal period) instead of better," Dr. Goldstein said.

Credit Union Holds Annual Meeting



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CREDIT UNION HELD their annual meeting last week. The Credit Union has been growing each year it has been in existence both in assets and in members. In picture, from left; Credit Union Director Richard Orr, and board members Edythe Chiba, Attorney Richard Morassi and William Quinn pose for a Jack Devine photo during the meeting's recess.

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EDITORIAL

Council Should Close Arcade

Recently, Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski forwarded a written recommendation to Town Council asking that the arcade license for a Feeding Hills amusement room be revoked.

We urge Town Council to approve and execute Chmielewski's recommendation.

At last Monday's meeting of Town Council, councilors voted unanimously to hold a public hearing to investigate the matter, and our impressions, from privately discussing the issue with councilors and listening to their public comments, point to some form of strong, punitive action against the arcade.

The arcade, now known as Village Arcade and located in the Village Shops in Feeding Hills Center, has been the scene of repeated episodes of public disorders caused by loitering youths drinking alcoholic beverages. The youths have also become a nuisance to neighboring businesses and their patrons.

We do not endorse Chmielewski's recommendation without carefully investigating the matter.

Discussions with several police officers, patrons of neighboring businesses, and the businesses themselves clearly point to the fact that the arcade has become an intolerable public nuisance.

The police, in our estimation, have gone out of their way to cooperate with the ownership, but to no avail.

There have been reports of other types of activities besides drinking at the locale over the past 18 months, all of which involved youths, which hardly qualifies the arcade as a "family game room."

More and more, communities are balking at such type of amusement rooms because of the negative impact they have on the area and on youths.

Such is the case in Feeding Hills Center, and residents will no longer tolerate continued abuse of the Village Shops.

As staunch supporters of the business community and the business climate in Agawam, we do not make this recommendation lightly.

If Town Council fails to suspend the license or add harsh amendments to it, then perhaps the next call of a disturbance in the Village Shops should go to the homes of those councilors willing to give the facility another chance.



Letters To The EDITOR

Students Reply To Band Parents

To The Editor:

As three year members of the band and colorguard, each an officer elected by the members of our respective groups, we feel the need to express our opinion on letters recently published in the *Agawam Advertiser/News*. We think we represent the feelings of the majority of the band and colorguard in making these comments.

We believe that Mr. Davis, our director, has done a superb job with the marching band during the past 25 years. His skill, talent, and dedication has been proven time and time again as our band and colorguard have won many awards and honors.

In the past, the Band Parents have helped considerably in raising funds, providing chaperones, and otherwise assisting Mr. Davis and the band. We certainly appreciate this, and the time and effort involved. This year the Band Parents pulled through once again and helped us obtain the funds we need.

At the present, however, there are more personality conflicts among the Band Parents than among the 120 members of the band and colorguard. We address our comments to all band parents and plead that each and every one of them pull together behind Mr. Davis and the band and help support us. Now is not the time to be bickering and arguing over pointless ideas.

The tension among the Band Parents is greatly felt by all of us. Copies of the *Advertiser/News* have been circulated throughout the "band room," and some members have even gone as far as to send out petitions which have caused much unrest. Many of the parents, including those who are central figures in this conflict, do not see what all this is doing to the band and colorguard members. We feel the pressures more than anyone else. We ask that the parents stop this arguing and instead devote their energies to support the band and colorguard. We, the members, are far more important right now than any conflict within the Band Parents Organization.

The purpose of this letter is not to condemn any views either for or against the Executive Board, but we feel that if parents do not agree with the views and policies of the Band Parents Organization, they should take this up at meetings or at times when problems can be resolved. It is also the board's responsibility to hear out all views and be fair. We think that publishing letters, both for and against the Executive Board, can do nothing but tarnish the public's opinion of the band and colorguard.

We request that further discussion be limited to Band Parents' meetings, where it belongs. For now, please help us make the AHS Band and Colorguard an organization our town can be proud of and leave all the dissension between our parents until the next Band Parents' meeting in April.

Andy Lester
President, AHS Band

Cheryl DeSpirt
Rifle Captain, AHS Colorguard

Clark Responds To Bellico

To The Editor:

It is difficult to accept the statement of Mr. Bellico that "the AEDIC concludes that the growth of Agawam's tax base, the expansion of the local economy and the attraction of new industry would not be benefitted by the retention of the airport."

This is completely contrary to business reality as I know it to be. We only have to look at our immediate neighbors, Westfield, Chicopee, Windsor Locks, Hartford, Northampton and others, to see towns with expanding tax base with convenient airport facilities.

Agawam has an excellent airport. It would not cost the residents any money to retain this important asset. It is already there and in operation.

The assumption that the town would lose \$1,000,000 in ten years in taxes if 40 acres of the 320-acre tract are retained by the town for an airport sounds very impressive. Using this same logic, the town would also be losing \$20,000,000 in the same ten year period on the balance of 800 acres of industrial land in the area of Shoemaker Lane and Silver Street.

The WADC has never undertaken a project of this size and scope or with an airport facility. They should keep an open mind and try it.

The Bowles Air Park Industrial Complex would be good for the town of Agawam, good for the business community, and would attract industry to Agawam.

Should the Agawam Town Council and the AEDIC approve an air park concept, I will purchase a minimum of five acres of industrial land in this area and have a fabrication plant in operation within sixty days.

Sincerely,
Loren Clark

Former Councilor Hits AAN Editorial Of Jan. 28

To The Editor:

This letter is in response to your editorial of January 28th in which you attacked two of the finest citizens in our community, namely Muriel and Craig White. We still find the bias so appalling that we feel further explanation should be expressed.

Fourteen years ago we purchased our home from the developer of Hendom Heights. We, as well as all who settled here, were assured by his firm that this was to be a single family home area only. We were shown his plans and trusted him at his word. This trust was broken. Subsequently, a 988 unit, high rise, low and moderate income project was proposed on one side of us and immediately our property dropped in value and nobody could even sell. The public hearing held for this zone change filled the Middle School auditorium. People from all over Agawam came. To characterize then and now these people as a splinter group is blatantly inaccurate. The final project that did go in was around 200 units. The impact of this original proposal on our schools, Fire and Police Depts., and taxes would have been horrendous.

We were barely over that problem when this same developer proposed a Business Park on our other side. The same "splinter group" opposed again in one of the largest open meetings on record. We are not opposed to industry or anything that will lower our taxes, on the contrary. We are very much impressed with the proposal for Bowles Industrial Park and feel this is the appropriate place for industry, not next to people's homes that they have worked for years to own. Our homes represent for us the largest investment most of us will ever make and if this town does not protect the private homeowner it will lose its most stable tax base. Indiscriminate zoning proposals such as this cannot enhance any area. We have an industrial area and this should be used before any other zone changes are proposed.

The people in Precinct 2 are in the fastest growing community in New England. We are aware that the quick profits of a few developers will be sold as benefiting the whole community. Precinct 2 has been heard from however. They have said a resounding no to quick bucks that have as a cost the disintegration of their neighborhood, the value of their property and the quality of their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. White are leading exponents of integrity and quality for our community and your characterization of them and Precinct 2 represents a low accuracy and quality of editorializing.

Finally, why not put an end to controversy from the people and developers by adhering to a Master Plan that reflects the will of our people and those values we wish to maintain.

Sincerely,
John and Barbara McNamara

Water Bills Scored

To The Editor:

With the advent of the receipt of the 1981-1982 water and sewer bills, Agawam homeowners are upset over their high cost of water and sewer services.

We have found that the Fiscal Year 1981 Water Budget shows a surplus of \$180,343.34!

Agawam taxpayers are not and have not benefited from this and previous surpluses. WE WANT TO KNOW WHY! Our intention is to determine why we have not benefited from surpluses, but have to pay increasingly higher rates for water and sewer services.

We intend to force the town to return these recent gross overcharges to the taxpayers of Agawam.

Citizens for Good Government, Group B
Rose Costa, President
Wayne Riendeau, Vice President
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Springfield Woman Defends Village Arcade

To The Editor:

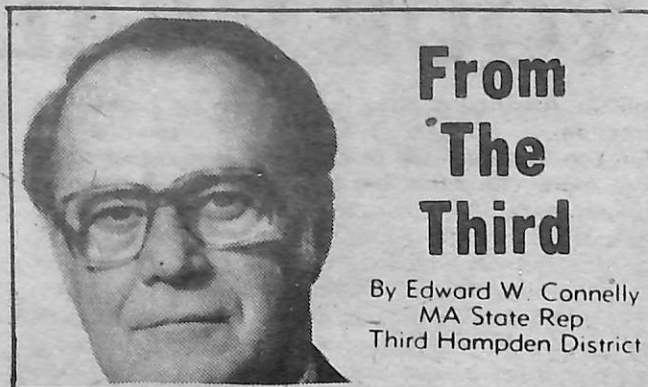
As a woman (23 years old, employed, and a college graduate) I would never enter an arcade so described in the **Advertiser's** March 4th article "Chmielewski Asks Town Council To Close Arcade." However, I like video games, and it happens that I do patronize the same Village Arcade under criticism. A customer for several months, attending two to three times a week, I can find nothing wrong that would legitimize the fears of Chief Chmielewski; nor those of concerned residents, businesspersons, and retailers.

Essentially, the arcade is a clean, well-lit, and colorful establishment. An employee has always been on hand to fix game problems, change money and regulate activity. While there - which has included all times: afternoon, evening, and weekends - I have never seen tolerated the presence of liquor or illicit substances. Any person who would bring in such items has been immediately confronted by the attendant and evicted. What alcohol consumption goes on outside the arcade I cannot estimate; I can only surmise that the prevalence of drinking could be influenced by the package store next door. Indeed, if I found the arcade as disorderly as the article suggests, I would not have patronized the establishment.

Also, the arcade has for a few weeks been closing at nine p.m. not midnight. As quoted in the **Advertiser**, Police Chief Chmielewski evidently has not been made aware of this. Perhaps this earlier closing time is evidence of the cooperation which the police chief finds so lacking.

If residents are concerned that "what's going on down there is more than just playing video games," I would tell them to investigate for themselves. Conduct, in my presence, has always been above board, with neither obstreperous nor delinquent behavior tolerated. The article has described what sounds to me like a place very different from the Village Arcade. It should not be so judged until experienced first hand.

Ann Brothers
Springfield, MA



From The Third

By Edward W. Connelly
MA State Rep
Third Hampden District

Modified Distribution Formula

As state budget time approaches, the energies are being expended in submission of various forms of a modified distribution formula.

The main thrust of all this motion lies in a desire to provide cities and towns with some idea of local aid for Fiscal 1983 - before the local budgets are pared and pruned to conform with the individual requirements for the cities and towns under Proposition 2 1/2.

The formula discussions are interesting to say the least. One would fully fund 50 percent of the cost of education and have those monies go directly to the school system.

Another formula would have as two of its factors, an amount to provide extra money to those cities and towns who did not do so well under Proposition 2 1/2 certified losses in fiscal 1982, and sufficient monies to provide communities with enough aid to offset 2 1/2 losses in fiscal 1983.

So it appears that we must attend first to consensus on revenue estimates, decide on the total amount of additional local aid and then determine how to distribute it equitably. No small task when the need for early reporting to cities and towns is of paramount importance.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 1, 1982, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Annex Building, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear comments on the petition of Alexander D. Pedro and Joaquim B. Bernardes to rescind the subdivision plan for Hope Farms Drive.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING!!! PLANNED USE OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

The Town of Agawam's legislative body, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing on proposed use of Revenue Sharing entitlement funds and Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance Funds on Monday, April 5, 1982 - 8:00 o'clock P.M. at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

Citizens attending the meeting shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and suggestions respecting possible uses of these entitlement funds.

Revenue Sharing funds being considered are those of Entitlement Period 14 in the amount of \$264,030 - Previously unallocated funds in the amount of \$46,291.12 - and Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance Funds in the amount of \$1,827.24.

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Entitlement Period 14 - October 1, 1982 - Sept. 30, 1983

AND

Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance Funds Currently Available

Funds Available:

Revenue Sharings Funds:

Previous Unexpended Amount \$46,291.12

Entitlement Period 14 \$264,030.00

Total Revenue Sharing \$310,321.12

Antirecessional Assistance Funds: \$1,827.24

PROPOSED USE: Revenue Sharing

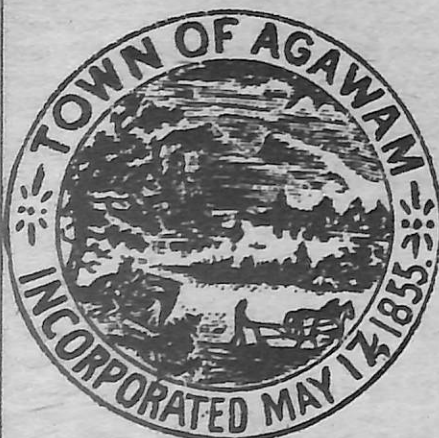
Dept. Code	Acct. No.	Department	Item	Amount Allocated
022	402	Police	Vehicles	\$40,000.00
080	515	Capital Budget	Equipment	\$70,321.12
221	000	Line Item	Street Lights	\$200,000.00

Total Revenue Sharing \$310,321.12

PROPOSED USE: Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance Funds

022	101	Police	Salaries	\$1,827.24
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MARCH 18, 1982



FOR YOUR HEALTH



Your Back & Your Health

By Dr. Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer
CHIROPRACTORS

The Physical State Of The White Collar Worker

In my last column I mentioned various types of stress including the physical stress of an individual's occupation. I would like to further comment on the physical state of the white collar worker, especially the executive.

If you walk into the executive suite of any company in America with a scale, you will probably find that the high powered executives are 20 to 25 lbs. overweight. If this is a sign of success, then we had better start taking a new approach to our life styles.

Study and observation of the business executives in terms of their physical fitness indicates a national emergency. We have the hardest working softest-bodied people in the world in management positions with our companies.

Some sad facts: 1. There are an estimate 60 million Americans overweight. 2. The American male has a middle aged body by the age of 25. 3. The incidence of death from heart disease has increased in men by 200 percent during the past 30 years. 4. Twenty-three

million Americans have hypertension or high blood pressure. 5. In spite of admonitions from the U.S. Surgeon General's Office about the dangers of smoking, more cigarettes are being smoked than ever before, especially by tension-ridden executives. 6. Almost 50 percent of adults engage in absolutely no physical activity whatsoever and only about two in ten people claim they get regular exercise.

Even the above statistics, as pathetic as they appear, do not give the real picture of the problem. Eight out of ten executives are not operating at their peak efficiency, nor are they able to cope with their business and personal responsibilities, because they do not feel up to par.

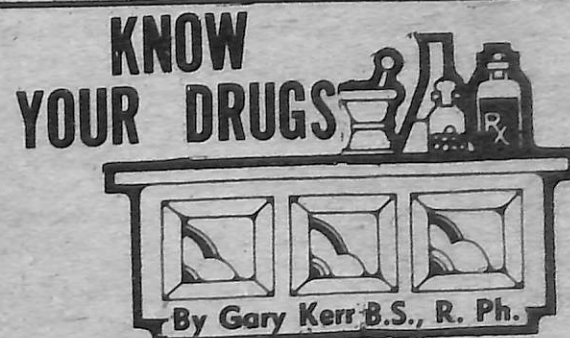
Their bodies are trying to tell them something, but unfortunately too few people listen.

The chiropractic profession, which recognizes the importance of physical fitness to good health, encourages proper, regular exercise. A well conditioned body is much less prone to sickness and disease. Energy levels rise, and maintaining proper body weight is easier. Other beneficial effects of regular exercise include increased range of motion in the joints and less chance of back problems.

A good fitness program should include exercise for all major muscle groups. The abdomen, lower and upper back, chest and arms, neck, legs, feet, thighs. Increasing stamina and endurance should be another objective.

Unfortunately, those who need to become fit the most are rarely capable of designing a program to obtain their goals. They often overdo to the point of damage, don't do the right things, or under work their bodies. I suggest seeking the advice of experienced and qualified instructors for a fitness program. Most gyms and fitness centers provide adequate instruction.

The executive should also make preventive health care a part of his or her regular routine. Periodic chiropractic examination of the spine and nervous system is advisable.



More On Poison Control

Sometimes even the most drastic of poison prevention measures are overcome by the super curious child and a poisoning results. The most important facet of emergency poisoning treatment is the maintenance of self-composure. If this can be done, the handling of the situation will proceed more smoothly and the chance for successful treatment are much greater.

If an emergency does occur, call the Poison Control Center (1-800-682-9211) or a physician immediately UNLESS the poison is in the eye, on the skin, or poisonous vapors have been inhaled.

If the poison is in the eye, rinse the eye for 15 minutes with cool water from a tap or poured from a container, then call the Poison Control Center. DO NOT let the victim rub his/her eyes.

If the poison is on the skin, first wash the area thoroughly with water then use bar soap and water before calling the PCC.

If poisonous vapors or fumes have been inhaled, first move the victim away from the areas and into fresh air and loosen all clothing before calling the PCC.

When calling the PCC, it is recommended that you have the container that held the poison with you. Persons at the PCC will want to know the age of the victim, what was ingested, what its ingredients are, how much of the product was ingested, when the accident occurred, and if the victim is presently exhibiting any bizarre behavior or unusual symptoms. The PCC will provide specific information quickly; most emergencies from poisonings can be handled right in the home.

Quite often the physician or PCC will instruct the caller to induce vomiting. NEVER make the victim vomit unless specifically directed to do so by the doctor or PCC. NEVER induce vomiting if the patient has swallowed a petroleum product (gasoline, lighter fluid, cleaning fluids), if the patient is drowsy or unconscious or if the patient is having convulsions.

If you are instructed to use syrup of ipecac, give one tablespoon followed by a large glass of water or juice. If you can have the victim drink more liquid, do it. Do not let the child lie down, but keep him/her active. Motion helps to cause vomiting. If the patient has not vomited within 15-20 minutes, give another glass of water or juice after a second tablespoon of ipecac. Ipecac can be purchased at any pharmacy and is quite inexpensive.

If a trip to a local hospital is deemed necessary, it is recommended that you bring the poison and its container with you. Bring any vomitus you collect. DO NOT give the victim any substances like coffee or alcohol; do not give the victim any stimulants!

The best advice in any poisoning case, except poisonous bites, is to get the poison out or off or dilute it. Call promptly for emergency help. Remember the most critical period is the first hour or so after the accident has occurred. Every minute could be a matter of life or death.

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Kerr To Appear On TV-22 To Discuss Poison Prevention

NOTE: Gary Kerr will appear on WWLP TV-22 on Wednesday, March 24th, at 10 a.m. This will be the third and final show where area pharmacists and pharmacy students will discuss various aspects of poisoning and poison prevention. The first two shows will be aired Monday and Tuesday of next week at 10 a.m.

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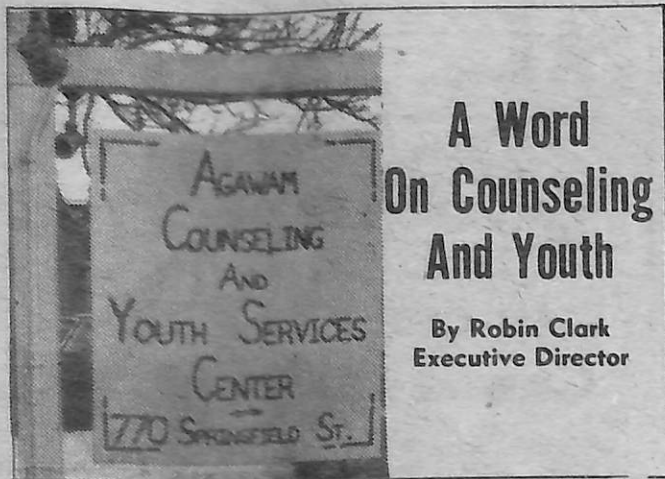
He not only needs immediate treatment, but, as far as I'm concerned, he deserves the best in care to speed his return to work.

Fortunately, care for most on-the-job injuries is covered by workmen's compensation insurance. Nevertheless, don't take chances. If you fall or strain something, arrange for a complete examination.

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A Word On Counseling And Youth

By Robin Clark
Executive Director

Premarital Counseling

In recent years couples contemplating marriage have turned to family therapists and marriage counselors for help in making their marriage a successful one. Concerned by the highly publicized divorce rate, many couples are seeking ways of dealing with marital problems before they arise.

Though the idea of seeing a marriage counselor before marriage may sound decidedly unromantic, if approached with the proper attitude, it can be invaluable in preparing a couple for marriage. No one has ever said it was easy, changing roles and expectations are making marriage more stressful than ever before. However, some of the same factors which cause stress can, if managed effectively, lead to a more rewarding relationship.

Family therapists have identified a number of factors which are important to the marital relationship. Patterns of self disclosure, conflict resolution, sharing of work and childrearing represent a few. The most important training ground for these and other components of marriage is one's own family. One of the "truths" of family systems is that, whether we like it or not, we tend to do things pretty much as they were done in our own family when we were growing up.

This is certainly not all bad. We learn about coping strategies from our parents that make life much easier. The problem is that we sometimes pick up some ineffective ones along with the others. Coping strategies which worked just fine for your parents may not be the best ones for you.

The purpose of premarital counseling is not to critique your parent's marriage or to give you a recipe for a happy marriage. The value of counseling before marriage is in helping both partners to understand their own attitudes toward marriage, how they developed and what meaning they have for the relationship. It provides a forum for the discussion of issues important to marriage.

Marriage counselors often focus on helping couples develop effective methods of resolving conflict. In the inevitable disagreements that arise in marriage the process of solving conflict becomes more important than the subject of the disagreement. Does one partner win and the other lose? Can the problem be solved in a way that neither partner loses?

Marriage requires constant negotiation and adjustment on the part of both partners. Premarital counseling provides an opportunity to explore issues of importance to a relationship and to learn effective ways of negotiating disagreements.

You may have some difficulty locating someone who has experience in premarital counseling. Contact a local agency, minister or therapist who offers marriage or family counseling. Explain your reason for seeking counseling and ask if this service is available. Counselors vary widely in technique and the fees they charge so you might want to make more than one inquiry.

Catholic Women Hold Dinner



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S Club held a dinner at the St. John's Parish Center on Monday evening, March 15th. The affair was attended by 130 women and was catered by Touchette's Catering of Agawam. In photo, from left, Mrs. Richard Conway, co-chairwoman of March entertainment; Mrs. William Martel, chairwoman of the March dinner; and Mrs. William Hayes, co-chairwoman of March entertainment, take time out from their busy evening for a Jack Devine photo.

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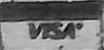
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Tripping About

By Jeanne Gilbert

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If you're not looking for atmosphere or a gourmet restaurant, but would appreciate a meal of basic good food along with the scenery of the Connecticut countryside, I suggest you take a ride to the **Mo-No-Pole Restaurant** located in Plainville.

The plain looking white building is set rather close to the road. There is parking space for a few cars right in front of the building, however, a large parking area is available on the side.

The interior decor is just as bland looking as the outside. Two dining rooms are available. One is surrounded by windows, the other has none at all. The tables are set too close together for my liking, but you find the service good and the waitresses accommodating.

There are many selections from which to choose on the type menu, which changes daily. Or if you wish you can order the buffet luncheon.

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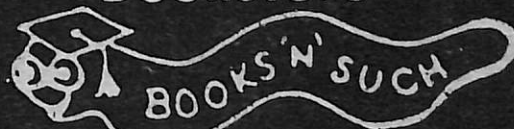
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Lift Your Spirits

By Mickey Spear

Interest In Wine Continues To Grow

With the tremendous interest in wine, and it is growing each day, it could be confusing for the beginner to know just which one to choose.

There are but five major classes of wine, with a number of basic types within each class.

I. Appetizer Wines: Dry or cocktail sherry, sweet or dry Vermouth are examples. The alcoholic content ranges from 15 - 20 percent and should be served chilled. These wines are also good with snacks in the afternoon or evening.

II. White Table Wines: Rhine, Chablis, Sauterne are examples of this class and contain 10 to 14 percent alcohol. They are usually semi-dry and are served chilled. These wines can be served with either fish, poultry or eggs.

III. Red Table Wines: Burgundy, Chianti, Valpolicella and Bourdelais are examples of this group. They contain 10 to 14 percent alcohol. These wines are served cool, not chilled. They are perfect for red meat and heavy stews. Rose wines fit into the red wine category but are sometimes in-between. Served chilled, they are suitable for fish and for beef.

IV. Dessert Wines: Cream Sherry and Port are good examples of this classification. They contain approximately 20 percent alcohol and these wines can be served either with dessert or after dessert and need not be chilled.

V. Sparkling Wines: Who has not heard of champagne? However, there are others. Sparkling Rose, Sparkling Burgundy, Italy's Asti Spumante lines and domestic Spumante are delicious. Usually festive wines, they are served chilled and contain 14 percent alcohol. Asti Spumante tends to be sweeter than champagne.

Artist's Reception Set At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden will hold an artist's reception in their gallery on Sunday, March 28th, at 2 p.m. for photographer/lecturer Les Campbell of Belchertown. Campbell will be on hand to greet visitors to his display of over twenty color photographs.

A past president of the Amherst Camera Club, the Amherst Nature Club, the Belchertown Color Camera Club and the New England Camera Club Council, he is also the organizer of the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists and the Audubon International Exhibition of Nature Photography.

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Town Gallery Offers Acrylic Demonstration

On Wednesday, March 24, at 1:00 p.m., Fran Scully of Suffield, Conn. will offer to the public without charge an acrylic demonstration.

Ms. Scully, renowned for her floral interpretations, has been a repeated prize winner in such prestigious shows as the Conn. Watercolor Society, the Academic Artists, the Springfield Art League National, the Conn. Women Artists, and the Miniature Art Society of Florida.

Over the past decade, Ms. Scully has garnered over 45 regional and national awards.

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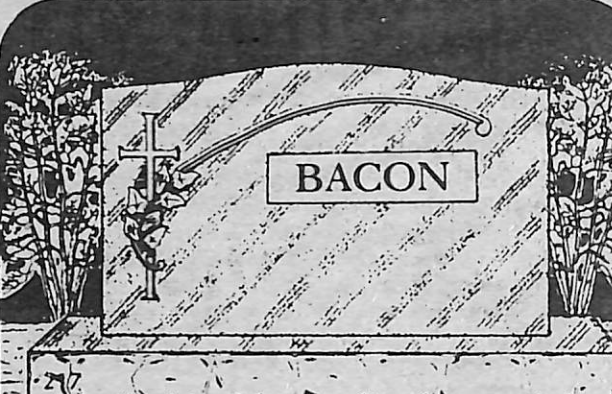
Playing street hockey is neither expensive, nor does it need a gymnasium or special playing area.

Street hockey can be played in a parking lot, on a tennis court, in a long driveway or in the middle of a residential street.

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The sport has become more and more popular over the past few years and because the hockey playoffs take place in April and extend into May, the interest of the youngsters continues well into the spring.

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Bay Path Junior College and the Small Business Administration will once again co-sponsor the popular conference "How To Start Your Own Business" on six Monday evenings beginning March 29th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Deepwood Hall on the Longmeadow campus.

Open to both men and women interested in starting a business of their own, the conference will feature speakers who are experts in all phases of business and participants may enroll in as many of the six sessions as they desire.

Session One will be "Planning for a New Business," Session Two, "Financing Your Business," Session Three, "The Importance of Good Financial Record Keeping and Financial Statements," Session Four, "Legal Considerations of a Small Business," Session Five, "How to Promote A New Small Business," and Session Six, "Success-Failure Factors in Business."

A brochure with registration form for this conference is available by calling the college.

Local Students Attain AIC Dean's List

Several local students were among those named to the dean's list at American International College for the fall, 1981, semester.

In the School of Arts and Sciences and on the dean's list are Jeffrey Bartnik of 63 Coronet Circle, Georgia Kratimenos of 303 North Westfield Street, Doreen Payne of 31 Virginia Street, Jeff Richardson of 28 Pleasant Drive, Craig Rovelli of 79 Lincoln Street, and Daniel toth of 45 Country Road.

In the School of Business Administration and on the dean's list are James Boland of 76 Meadowbrook Road, Carmella Cardaropoli of 33 Peros Drive, Craig Cosby of 63 Elmar Drive, Thomas Harkins of 39 Belvedere Avenue, Carolyn Lee Heffernan of 926 Springfield Street, Christopher Johnson of 25 Valentine Terrace, Patrick Nolan of 7 Highland Street, Mark Prox of 117 Brien Street, and Karen Tyburski of 525 Cooper Street.

In the School of Psychology and Education and on the dean's list are Donna Garvulenski of 35 Mill Street, Michelle Korob of 91 Hamilton Circle, and Lisa Torre of 18 Fox Farms Road.

Irish Poems & Songs Highlight St. Pat's Day



52 FIRST GRADE STUDENTS of Hattie Aspden and Sylvia Reedy at Robinson Park School performed Irish poems and songs, including this famous "Harrigan," in a show on St. Patrick's Day. The events culminated with Agawam High senior Faith Conway's dancing the Irish jig along with seven of the children. Pictured here, left to right, are Kathy Bodman, Kimberly Macey, Regina Casiello, Gina Milillo, Amy Grimaldi, Nicole Robinson, Brett Ayotte, Jeffrey Kopyscinski, and Joseph Gaylor. Photo by Jack Devine.

Locals Graduate Western New England

Among 180 undergraduate and graduate students who recently earned degrees from Western New England College were two local residents.

Mrs. Nancy DeCosmo Locke received a Bachelor of Arts degree in government. Mrs. Locke lives on Suffield Street and operates the Academy of Artistic Performance in Agawam, Southwick, and Suffield.

Robert A. Scalise of Provin Mountain Drive received a master's degree in business administration. He is employed at Hamilton Standard as a manager in Application Engineering for Hamilton Support Systems and holds a B.S.E.E. degree from the University of Hartford.

Scalise is a registered professional engineer in Massachusetts and Connecticut and a member of NSPE, SAE, and the Technical Marketing Society of America.

Granger Teacher Featured At Reading Conference

Mrs. Ann Favreau will present a workshop on Thursday, March 18th, at Holyoke High School as part of the program entitled "Reading-A Perfect Ten" being sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Reading Council.

A kindergarten teacher at Granger School, Mrs. Favreau will share her ideas on developing creativity in young children through the use of literature, art, music, and cooking. Her workshop session is labelled "Growing Rainbows."

Fun For Sickbed Blues

Children confined to bed can pass the time with a variety of activities. A bed tray, ironing board lowered to the correct height or a leaf from a table covered with an old sheet

or plastic tablecloth makes a good activity center. For the do-it-yourself enthusiast, a large carton cut out to fit over the legs can also serve as a play space and protect bed-coverings from messy spills. Be sure the play area is large enough to allow the child enough space for coloring books, paint sets, craft and model kits, construction sets, building blocks, puzzles and small chalkboards and slates. Use extra pillows to provide back support and be sure that there is adequate light over the child's left shoulder.

Have "old favorites" close at hand. Sick children are often frightened and upset by their illness; it's comforting to have some treasured plaything nearby. Maybe "teddy" can have his temperature taken too!

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Bridal Books Available At Public Library

The following books are available at the Agawam Public Library, where the staff is ready to help you research the information you need about showers and weddings.

The Complete Shower Party Book includes menu, decoration, game and theme ideas for parties and showers of all kinds.

The Bride's Book of Showers, which covers parties for both him and her, combines tradition and novelty with gift suggestions, recipes, and step-by-step party plans.

For advice on the etiquette, expenses, and every last detail involved with weddings, there are **McCall's Engagement and Wedding Guide**, **The Wedding Book**, and **The Wonderful World of Weddings**. These books are complete with timetables and checklists.

Those who want a more personalized ceremony will like **Write Your Own Wedding** and **Getting Married The Way You Want**. These books offer helpful advice on ways to individualize traditional and interfaith religious services and include suggestions for music, as well as blessings ranging from American Indian prayers to selections from the Bhagavad Gita.

Getting Married Again provides guidelines for planning a joyous second wedding in addition to advice on coping with the possible problems that can complicate remarriage, including step-parenting and new in-laws.

The library also subscribes to **Brides Magazine** which is available for circulation.

Bachelor Bash Groom's Last Good Time???

The bachelor dinner is supposed to be the groom's last good time as a single person and is his special way of entertaining his best man, ushers, and other close friends.

What occurs at this "bash" usually includes much toasting and hilarity. The clever bride will show some tact and recommend that the event take place two or three nights before the actual wedding day. A bridegroom who is recuperating from the "night before" doesn't hold up too well at the actual wedding reception.

Rent-A-Gown From College Formals



AT COLLEGE FORMALS, located at 57 Enfield Street in Enfield and on Walnut Street in Springfield, tuxedos are in abundance for the big day. Also in abundance at College Formals are beautiful rental gowns to "fit every occasion with style." Here, Wendy Weltmann, displays two of College Formal's fine gowns. Lorraine and Gerry Guthrie own and operate the two stores. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Selecting A Band For Your Reception

By Dorine Kubik

When choosing a band for her wedding reception, a bride should look for one that can satisfy the musical tastes of all age groups.

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Russ Falvey has been playing church organ for 20 years. He is well-known as a teacher in the music field and left that profession after 20 years to enter the restaurant business. At the **ENCORE** Russ Falvey plays all three keyboards - grand piano, synthesizer, and electric piano.

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Falvey believes that "entertainment makes the wedding reception." The **ENCORE** offers highly personalized service as hosts and entertainers. Under new management since May 28, 1981, **ENCORE** will send menu samples to the bride and complimentary cocktail tickets so that the couple can drop in to hear the band during regular hours.

Dance And Dinner Music

THE SUMMER BREEZE, a popular group from Agawam, can provide brides with a variety of dance and dinner music to make her wedding day perfect. This local group from Agawam consists of Al Baggetta on guitar, Jack Graveline on drums, Brian Asta-Ferrero lead singer and on organ, and Scott Thomson on saxophone. Two of the members are teachers in the Agawam school system.

THE SUMMER BREEZE will work with the bride and photographer in all of the traditional areas such as the "Grand March," "Cutting the Cake," "Throwing the Garter," and "Throwing the Bouquet." During the dinner the band plays soft background music and will accept many requests throughout the day.

If a bride should decide on **THE SUMMER BREEZE** for her wedding, members of the band will have her fill out a form with general information such as the bride and groom's favorite song. This is played for the couple as they dance the first time as husband and wife.

Also very popular in the music field is the **JAY CONTRINO QUARTET**. This dance band consists of Jay Contrino, lead singer and on trumpet, and other members on organ, saxophone, and drums. Jay has just announced a new addition to his group: Barry Boccasile, on drums.

Boccasile, an arranger and teacher, has just completed a tour with a show band and brings a new sound and flavor to the quartet. Well known and well liked in this area, Contrino has played for the Wayne Newton Show, Bob Hope Show, Jack Benny Show and Mike Douglas Show during their performances at the Big E.

Strolling Duo Available

Along with this dance band, and available for weddings, is Contrino's **STROLLING DUO**. This duo consisting of Contrino on the mandolin and an accordionist can be hired during the champagne hour and as entertainment during the dinner. They stroll from table to table entertaining the guests.

Contrino has extensive experience performing at weddings. He tries to allow the bride to sit back and enjoy the reception while he keeps the affair moving along by taking care of all the necessary and traditional essentials, ranging from Grand March to the bride throwing her bouquet.

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By Valeria Melloni

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Local Clergymen Find Counseling Important To Young Couples

By Valeria Melloni

Although clergymen of different faiths have different methods of pre-marital counseling, they find the couples' concerns to be very similar.

In our local area, Father Doyle of St. Theresa's Church in Agawam has been doing pre-marital counseling for three years and recommends an "engaged encounter weekend" which has been offered at the Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield for the past year and a half. These encounter weekends are offered three to four times a year and may involve from fifteen to twenty couples.

Another type of encounter is the Pre-Cana Day offered at St. Francis Chapel in Springfield. This all-day program is available several times a year and includes such topics as Psychological Considerations, Natural Family Planning, Church Law and Christian Marriage, as Sacrament, Communications in Marriage, and the Wedding Ceremony.

Father Doyle says, "According to a recent study done by the Catholic Engaging Council, 90% of couples who participated in the weekend encounter since 1970 are still married. When the overall divorce rate is one out of every two, that says something for what is learned through these encounters."

On the weekend, couples learn to work more toward their relationship and to develop an awareness of communication. Father Doyle feels that the biggest problem facing engaged couples today is immaturity.

"I have refused to marry couples on the basis of immaturity. Problems may also arise if the individuals believe they can remain in a single lifestyle," he adds.

He continues, "Some couples do not show any readiness for marriage. Rushing into a marriage is dangerous too. I recommend that a couple date for at least a year and that the wedding date be set for at least six months from the time they first visit me."

He points out that couples are waiting longer to marry today, with the average age being from early to mid-twenties. There are fewer teenage marriages than in the past, and, according to Father Doyle, waiting gives couples a chance to mature and to understand their own values.

The Rev. John Fritz of the Christ Lutheran Church in Southwick adapts his form of counseling to each individual couple.

"I try to show the couple their weaknesses and their strengths, while making them aware that maturity and communication are major factors in a successful marriage," says Rev. Fritz.

He also recommends the more structured programs offered at Genesis or at the Pre-Cana Day for those couples who would like further counseling.

"Sometimes I find it counter-productive to place strict requirements on couples. Once they've decided

to get married, no one can talk them out of it," Rev. Fritz adds.

He also points out the existence of post-marital counseling where growth can take place after marriage. A marriage encounter weekend is also offered for this purpose at Genesis.

The Rev. Len Cowan, pastor on St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills, meets with engaged couples six times before their wedding. During the initial discussion, Rev. Cowan asks couples why they are coming to him to be married and then gives them a guideline sheet of expectations so they realize exactly what is ahead of them.

Points of tension, such as sex, money, in-laws, children, and personal goals are discussed on sociological and psychological as well as Christian levels. Rev. Cowan gives each engaged couple a handbook entitled "A Handbook for Engaged Couples" by Bob and Alice Fryling.

"Two things that I request of couples is that first, they begin to attend church regularly if they are not already doing so and second, they make a commitment to discuss between themselves the handbook and any problems they may discover," Rev. Cowan says.

He feels that, in most cases, thirty days notice is sufficient time to plan a wedding; however, additional time is needed if one or both of the parties is divorced. In these cases, a written statement by the divorced party is requested, and he adds his comments to it prior to forwarding it to the bishop for his approval.

The Rev. Donald Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church in Agawam, performs about thirty marriages each year. He meets with couples at least twice before the marriage.

His major counseling tool is an "expectation inventory," a list of 71 statements beginning with "In my marriage, I expect...." The couples state their expectations and then discuss their opinions.

Rev. Morris also feels the number one problem facing couples today is immaturity, closely followed by a lack of communication. "Young couples don't sense the need for talking things over," he says.

"Although I don't discuss methods of birth control, I do suggest that couples wait at least a year before starting a family," Rev. Morris comments. "This wait gives them a chance to get used to the transformation from single to married life."

He adds that he feels a responsibility for couples he marries and will refuse to marry individuals he feels are just getting married to get out of their houses.

Rev. Morris advises parents to set a good example for their children by getting along with each other and by respecting one another.

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The best man at the wedding is the busiest. Although the groom is the male star of the day, it's a fun time for him. But the best man pursues a round of duties that keep him attending to tasks from the very beginning of the festivities to the finale.

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He also must gather up the groom's wedding attire, help him dress for his honeymoon trip, and see that he has all the necessary travel reservations, charge cards, cash, etc.; put the newlyweds luggage into the car; and finally, send a thank-you telegram for the reception in the groom's name of course.

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Photographer Crucial For Lasting Memories On Your Big Day

By Dorine Kubik

Rivers Photography in Agawam is owned and operated by Bill and Cathy Rivers. Bill serves as the photographer and Cathy as his assistant.

They are a young married couple with two children: Jeff, 3 years old and Crystal 9 months old. Both are from Agawam and graduates of Agawam High School. Bill attended University of Massachusetts and has a diploma from Hallmark Institute of Photography in Turners Falls, where he was trained in both the technical and business aspects of photography.

Look For Style

Bill suggests that a bride look for style, quality and price when choosing a photographer for her wedding. She should always look over samples of the photographer's work. Personality is a factor when choosing the right photographer for the job. The photographer must work with "emotionally charged" family members and must be able to put everyone at ease so that they photograph well.

Cathy assists her husband in this area as many people are involved in the wedding party. Cathy keeps a checklist in her head. She helps with the bride's parents as pictures begin at the bride's home before the wedding ceremony. She assists the bride's mother with her corsage and dad with his boutonniere. One time she even helped dress the flower girl. She also helps with make-up and keeps a sharp eye on hairstyles.

Bill keeps a checklist in his head, too but, more on the technical phase of his work, such as proper lighting, equipment, and film. He likes to use natural lighting when he can. They both pay careful attention to the group shots. While Bill is setting up his equipment, Cathy is rounding up the wedding party and checking that clothing is just right and that the position of hands is attractive.

The photographer and assistant are usually seated with the members of the band as it is customary to provide them all with meals as their day is long, often averaging eight hours or more.

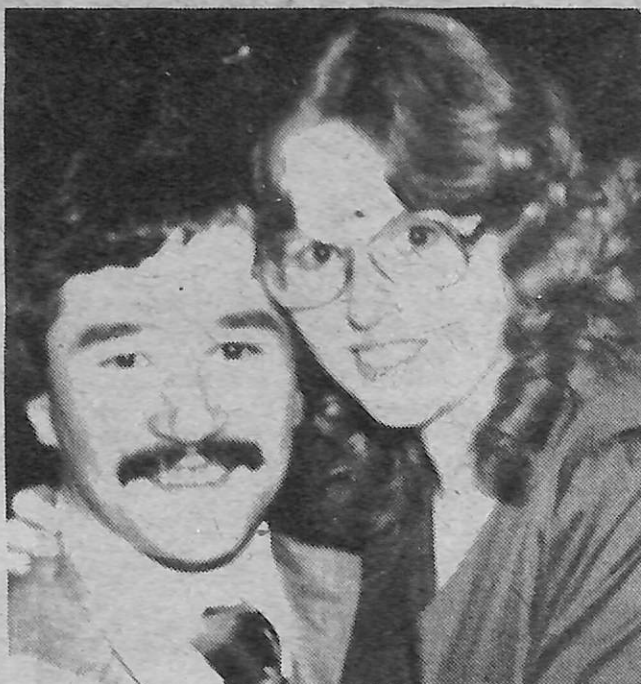
Today, photographs for the wedding albums are taken in color. The pre-bridal and engagement pictures for newspapers are taken in black and white. Pre-bridals should be taken about a month before the wedding as newspapers usually require two weeks notice.

Mood And Romance Stressed

When doing a wedding, Bill and Cathy Rivers always stress mood and romance in their wedding photographs as is indicated in their many beautiful samples. The albums they offer are guaranteed for a lifetime. An average album consists of thirty to thirty-six 8x10 photographs. For this, about 100 to 150 proofs are available for newlyweds to select from. If required prints can be re-touched.

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Recipe Suggestions For Brides-To-Be

By MaryAnn Govoni

This is the beginning of the season for brides-to-be. With all the planning and last-minute details for a perfect shower and wedding, I would like to help out by sharing some recipes that are quick, easy, and simple to use for showers and/or rehearsal dinners.

QUICK CREAMY DIP

- 2 3-ounce pkg. softened cream cheese
- 4 Tablespoons milk
- 2 Teaspoons chopped chives
- ¼ Teaspoon garlic salt
- ¼ Teaspoon onion salt
- Paprika

Combine all ingredients; chill. Serve with chips or crackers. Yields one cup.

QUICK SEAFOOD DIP

- 1 Cup mayonnaise
- ½ Teaspoon curry powder
- 2 Teaspoons chili sauce

Combine ingredients and chill. Serve with cooked, chilled lobster chunks, shrimp, or fried fish bits. Yields one cup.

ORANGE SHERBET PUNCH

- 6 Cups or 1½ quarts cranberry juice
- 4 Cups or 1 quart apple juice
- ¼ Cup orange juice
- 2 6-ounce cans frozen limeade
- 1 quart orange sherbet
- Crushed ice
- Orange slices

In a punch bowl, combine first four ingredients. Chill. Place ice in a bowl. Add chunks of sherbet. Garnish with orange slices. Serves 20 to 25 punch cups.

MEXICAN WEDDING CAKES

- 1 Cup softened margarine
- ½ Cup confectioners sugar
- 2 Cups flour
- ¼ Teaspoon salt
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter well. Gradually add ½ cup confectioners sugar and cream until fluffy. Add rest of the ingredients and mix well. Pinch off small pieces of dough and roll with hands into finger shapes. If too soft to handle, chill 15 or 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°. Put onto ungreased cookie sheets and bake ten minutes. While hot, roll in confectioners sugar. Cool on rack. When real cool, sprinkle again with confectioners sugar. Makes about five dozen.

SWEDISH MEATBALLS

- 1 Pound ground beef
- 1 Pound ground pork
- 1 Cup bread crumbs
- 1½ Cups cream
- 1½ Cups water
- ½ Cup chopped onions
- 1 Crushed clove garlic
- 1 Teaspoon dill weed
- 2 Teaspoons salt
- ½ Teaspoon pepper
- 2 Tablespoons butter

Melt butter in frying pan. Fry onions until golden brown. Soak bread crumbs in mixture of cream and water. Add beef, pork, onions, eggs, garlic, dill weed, salt, and pepper. Shape into balls. Fry in butter until brown. Remove meatballs. Make pan gravy. Yields 30 to 40 tiny meatballs.

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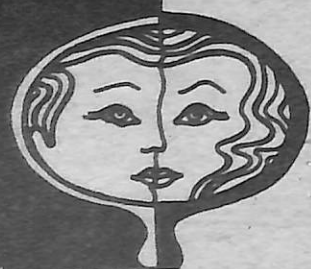
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Choosing Flower Arrangements

By Phyllis Hout
Feeding Hills Florist

Now that the most important day of your life has been chosen and most arrangements have been made, it is time to visit your florist.

The best time to visit him is between three to four months prior to your wedding date. This is very important as your florist knows how important a day this is for you, and he wants to set the time aside to assure you of receiving the best of quality and design to enhance your wedding.

When you have decided on a florist, it is advisable to call ahead of time and set up a definite date and time in which to sit down and go over your wedding needs. This is the general policy of most florists as it takes about an hour to go through one's wedding needs.

Upon visiting your florist, you should bring in swatches of the material your attendants will be wearing. If you do this, your florist can coordinate a color scheme and design especially for you. You will soon find out how important these preparations are as the flowers and designs will enhance your wedding party and add beauty and elegance to your ceremony and the reception.

The flowers that you choose for that day will be your own bridal bouquet, which is traditionally done in all white, even though today, many brides are adding a slight touch of color into their bouquets; your atten-

dants' bouquets, which usually have the bridesmaids' all matching with the maid of honor's complementing theirs in a different shade.

You will also be ordering all the boutonnieres for the gentlemen in the wedding party, as well as the corsages for the mothers and grandmothers. It is advisable for you to know the color of their dresses or gowns as your florist will want to do their corsages in colors to complement their apparel.

Flowers for the ceremony are generally done in white or very light shades as most churches or synagogues have very subdued lighting and the lighter colors stand out better.

Flowers for the reception should be done in the same colors that have been chosen for the wedding party. By doing this, you will bring all of the beauty of the flowers into one main theme.

A final note from me, as a florist, is to remember that we need time to prepare for this special occasion of yours, that we are proud to be a part of it and that we know a well-thought-out design and theme will go a long way in enhancing your wedding.

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Buying Gifts Made Pleasant

By Jeanne Hofmann

Buying gifts for bridal showers, Jack and Jill parties, and weddings can be overwhelming for even the hardiest shoppers. Those of us who can spend whole days happily foraging for bargains for ourselves often cringe at the thought of spending hours looking for suitable gifts for the bride and groom. And folks who hate to shop can get downright queasy over the task.

But there are some steps we can take to turn the search from a chore to a pleasure. First and foremost, we can try to find out what a couple's special interests are, and where they will be setting up housekeeping.

Folding lawn furniture might be useless to the pair moving into a high rise city apartment, but it could be the favorite gift of the couple with a yard, or a love for beach excursions. People who share an interest in camping would surely welcome presents reflecting that interest. And a really good "how-to-fix-it" book would probably lessen lots of tensions for the couple who have never faced the little horrors of clogged drains and faulty light fixtures before!

It may not be possible to learn the interests and needs of the bridal pair, so the next step is to think of things that nobody has enough of, and go from there. Look around your own house-room by room. Isn't there something in each one that comes in mighty handy? And isn't there something missing here and there that you'd just love to have?

There are the gift ideas you need. What about cookbooks? Good ones are available from the classic Fanny Farmer types to the meals-in-30 minutes variety. And who has too many clocks, steak knives, mirrors or wastebaskets?

If a wastebasket seems like a colorless idea, how about filling one with small items for a kitchen or bathroom, like utensils, or porpours and soaps. Speaking of filling things, that's a great way to give a practical gift a personal touch, and you can do it to whatever limits your budget allows.

How about filling a wheelbarrow with house and garden necessities-or a watering can-or a laundry basket? (A note of caution here: don't bring wheelbarrows or step ladders to the party unless you're prepared to cart it to where it can stay until needed.) I know of one very compatible couple whose first big argument arose from the frustration of spending hours removing their big presents from the shower hall in a Volkswagen!

Do you know the two things that most young couples don't have enough of? One is STORAGE SPACE. Why not give them some? If you're a carpenter and can build them an extra closet, you've got the perfect gift. If not, check on the infinite varieties of things like decorative boxes. They come equipped to handle everything from stationery to firewood. Wicker baskets adapt to all kinds of uses and decor, and so do the beautiful tins that come in every shape and size.

The second thing young couples never have enough of is MONEY. Amy Vanderbilt and the etiquette pursuits frown on giving that, but I've never met a couple who didn't welcome it with gratitude-have you? If you want to be unique, you can always package it in a special way-like in a picture frame, or a money tree, a teapot, or a sugar bowl. Or you can find a quotation to write on the card, like this one from **Stevenson's Home Book of Quotations**: "It is not the shilling I give you that counts, but the warmth it carries with it from my hand."

There is a good old song with a refrain that says "The only things we ever keep are what we give away." Maybe holding that thought in our hearts through the weeks ahead will help soothe the anxieties of gift hunting for the bride and groom.

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The Secrets Of Wedding Traditions

By Jeanne Hofmann

Time may change some things but others remain the same. Marriage, the union of man and woman, has been the social event of greatest importance throughout history. Weddings have always been a time to rejoice at the eternal renewal of life, and the ceremonies have usually been followed by a feast that Chaucer once described as "rich, bawdy, intoxicating, and hectic!"

Why wedding rings, bridal veils, bouquets, and honeymoons? A stroll back in time reveals some of these traditions as practical and sometimes indispensable to the society of their origin. Here are some examples:

THE ENGAGEMENT: In some Pacific islands, it was common for fathers to betroth their unborn children, and on the Fiji Islands until quite recently, bride and groom were often 3 and 4 years old! In both Asia and Europe, the betrothal was for the purpose of family alliances, not the choice of the couple.

THE ENGAGEMENT RING: While sealing the engagement pact with a ring dates back to antiquity, other customs were popular through the years. In ancient Ireland, a man gave the woman he wanted to marry a bracelet woven of human hair. The acceptance of it symbolized linking herself to him for life. The circle of the ring has always been a symbol of eternity and endless love.

THE BACHELOR DINNER: It is said that this custom originated in Sparta, where the bridegroom customarily entertained his friends at supper on the eve of his wedding. The event was known as the "men's mess" for reasons which have not been handed down to us.

THE BRIDAL VEIL: In ancient times it was a symbol of a wife's submission to her husband. European brides often wore their hair down, as a veil for the wedding, and either cut it or wore it bound around the head from that day on. In some eastern countries, the veil was used to keep the bride hidden from her husband until the ceremony when he unveiled her to his delight or disappointment.

THE FLOWERS: Favorite flowers for the bridal bouquet have always been orange blossoms. Since they bloom and bear fruit simultaneously, the symbolism is obvious that the bride shall be both fair and fruitful. Lilies of the valley were popular choices for delicacy and fragrance, and roses have always been symbolic of love, joy and beauty.

THE GARTER AND BOUQUET: In the days of yore when fulsome drinking was the rule at weddings, the old custom of scrambling for the bride's garter left

many a maiden dishevelled, if not downright injured in the scuffle! Pity the poor brides who had to follow that ordeal with the "stocking throwing" which immediately followed the garter toss. Since stockings were not the easiest things to remove gracefully in public and throw at the guests for luck, some inspired bride thought of throwing her bouquet instead. This tradition caught on, surely fostered by the women.

THE WEDDING FEAST: The word "bridal" comes from "bride-ale." Back in the middle ages, the bride and her family sold ale made especially for the occasion, a practice that not only helped defray the cost of the wedding feast, but also added to the gaiety. This might be a good policy to reinstate in these inflationary times!

THE HONEYMOON: Traditionally, this has been a period of seclusion for the bride and groom. It is a relic of those remote times when marriage was by capture and it was necessary for the couple to remain in hiding until the search for her was given up. The word itself comes from the custom among Northern Europeans for the newly married couple to drink mead (a wine made with honey) for one month after the wedding. There is the story that Attila the Hun, once the scourge of Europe, drank so much mead at his wedding feast that he died from overindulgence. This period of seclusion was often a necessity in those days of arranged marriages. Naturally, elopements were common and it was necessary for the bride and groom to remain in hiding for a time while parental wrath cooled down.

SUPERSTITIONS: Here are a few traditional good luck superstitions that the bride and groom might look into just for fun: Feed a cat out of an old shoe, and your wedding day will be happy. If it snows on your wedding day, you will get a dollar for every flake that falls. The first one of a couple who drinks water after the ceremony will rule the house. On the morning following the wedding the bride may ask her husband for any money or property he owns, and he is honor bound to give it to her. To insure good fortune and many children for the newlyweds, make a poultice from a pound of Limburger cheese and put it under the pillow on their first night together. Ugh!

For further amusing and unusual superstitions check the folklore section of the library. If you're too busy with wedding plans to do that, maybe you can send a friend. Whatever kind of wedding you are planning, may it begin and end with laughter and joy. And to paraphrase a Navaho prayer, "May it be beautiful before you, above you, and all around you."

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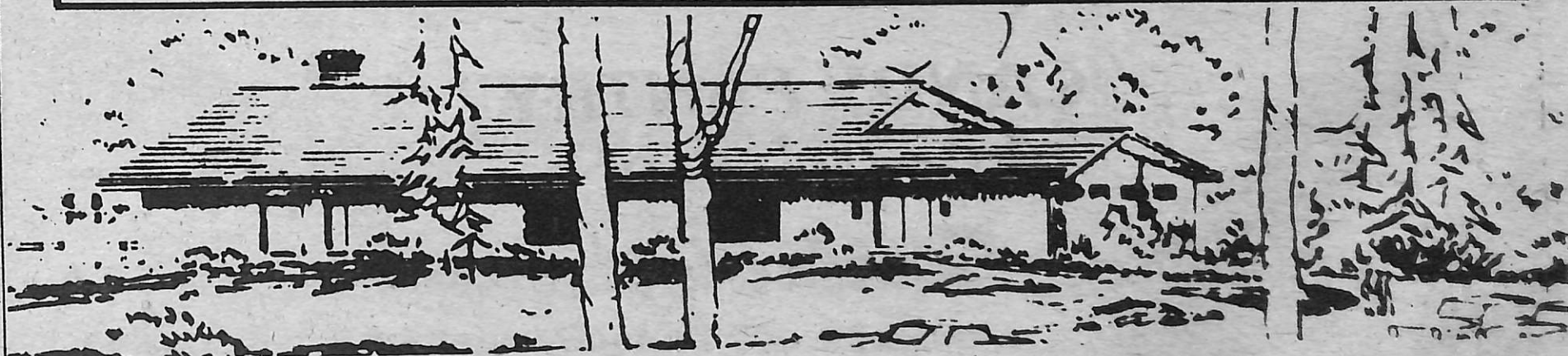
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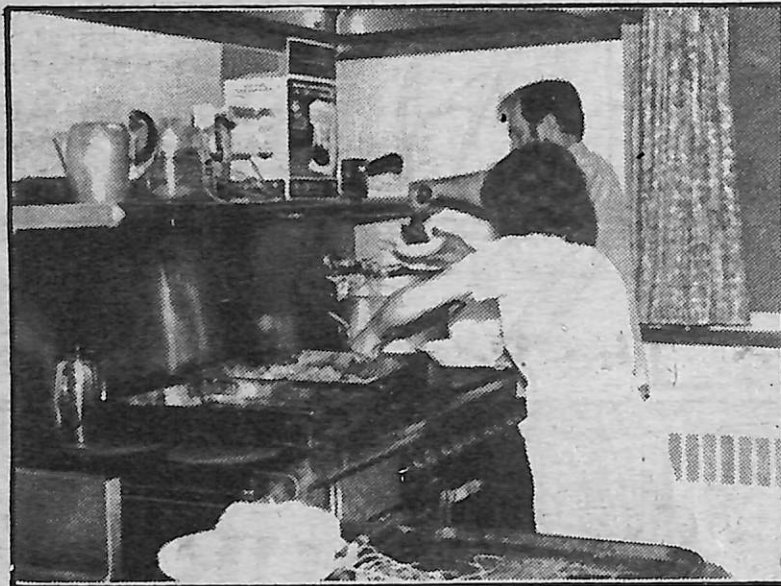


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Important: Plan Reception Early

By Dorine Kubik

Mom's in tears and Dad is checking the bank balance. You've come home with an engagement ring. Now the fun begins. Hopefully you've given yourself enough time to take care of the million and one details, the first of which should be the reception.

If you don't want to have to be concerned with all the little details for the reception, stop in and have a look at the Encore Restaurant in Agawam. The Encore can accommodate up to 175 people in a lovely atmosphere.

The Encore offers a complete package. Whether you want a buffet, a sit-down dinner, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, they can provide it. They will also provide a band and can supply your wedding cake, if desired.

It sounds like one-stop shopping, and in a way, it is. But what a relief not to have all the extra details to handle yourself. Nothing says you have to plan your meal today when the wedding isn't for a year yet, but at least you can know where the reception will be and that everything will be handled for you.

A Country Club Setting

If you prefer the country club atmosphere, why not try Oak Ridge Country Club? Again, it is most important to book early. According to Oak Ridge, if there were 50 Saturdays in June, they could fill every one of them with a wedding reception.

At Oak Ridge you will find facilities to accommodate up to 500 people. And again, of course, any

type of meal you want. Here, however, you will have to provide your own band and your own wedding cake. Management at Oak Ridge has a large file of cards on hand for bands and for places to obtain your wedding cake. Again, the key is to plan early so that you are guaranteed a place to have the reception and then have time to plan the extra details.

Another lovely country club setting is Shaker Farms Country Club, where accommodations can handle up to 250 people. If you are planning a summer wedding, it is best to make your reservation for this place a year in advance. Six months is usually adequate for winter weddings.

Here you can plan anything from a buffet to a full sit-down dinner. While the club itself does not provide a band or cake, they can recommend someone to you. One of the nice features here is that you can plan an outdoor party if you want. In some cases, the wedding itself is being held at Shaker Farms which certainly saves travel time. They are more than willing to accommodate you in your plans in whatever way they can.

No matter where you choose to go for your reception, just remember to plan ahead. It is important to coordinate two major places—the church and the reception place. Many times, one is available on a particular date and the other isn't. Check on those two things and you're on your way.

Plan To Budget Money Before Wedding Day

Once you've crossed the monetary planning process you can expect your budget to break down in these percentages.

Housing—rent or mortgage payment, in addition to furniture; 20-25 percent.

Food—including weekday lunches for each, entertaining occasionally; 20 percent.

Clothing, Self-Care—haircuts, cosmetics; 10 percent.

Medical Care—including health insurance but assuming no major bills are needed, and also that you are both covered by your employers at least to some extent; 3 percent.

Transportation—car expenses; 11 percent.

Utilities—light, gas, telephone; 5 percent.

Gifts, contributions—3 percent.

Recreation—vacation trips, entertainments; 8 percent.

Savings—some for "rainy days," some to add to assets; 10 percent.

Miscellaneous—beware of the unexpected, a sure bet...cigarettes, cleaning, laundry, car washings, newspapers, candy...believe us, it all adds up; 5 percent.

Note: This is just a guide. You both will adjust these figures accordingly.



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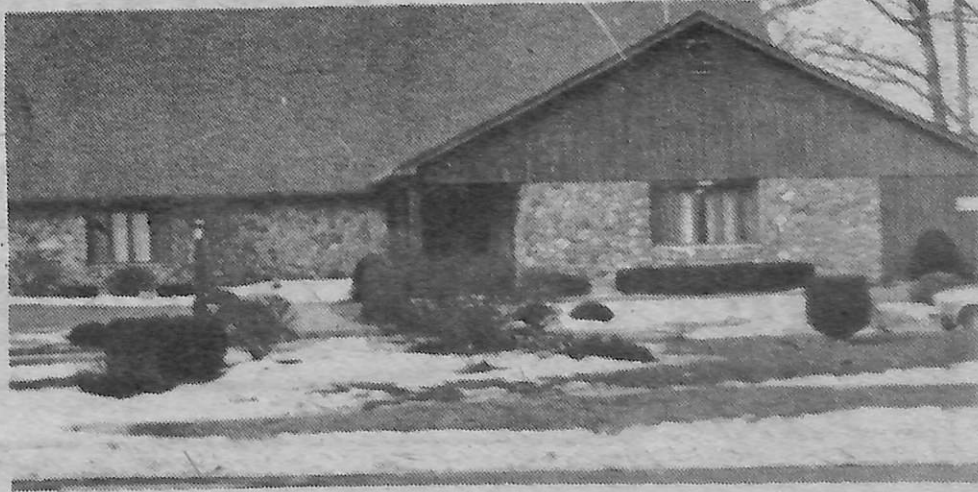
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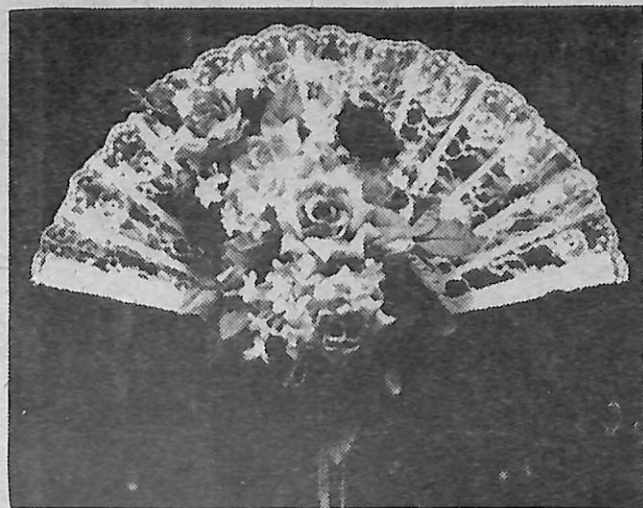
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Wedding Flowers A Snap For Flowers Unlimited

By Cheryl Bruno

As spring and summer approach with the birds singing, the flowers blooming, and the sun shining, once again our thoughts turn toward weddings and blushing brides.

It seems there are countless details to attend to in the planning of a wedding - not the least of which are the flowers.

A trip to Flowers Unlimited in the quaint Suffield Village Shops will relieve all your floral worries. Let a professional guide you through their garden of wedding flowers, centerpieces, and bouquets.

Lucile J. Loiseau, owner of Flowers Unlimited, will be more than happy to consult with the bride-to-be and

her family, but she does have a few suggestions before you came to the shop.

It is very important to make the selection of your gown and those of your attendants prior to choosing your wedding flowers. Bringing in swatches of the fabrics is another good idea.

Also, remember that taking care of these details cannot be done on your lunch hour. Making the proper selections for the most special day in your life will take time, and an appointment for a consultation is recommended.

Selection of the gown before the flowers is important for many reasons. For example, an elegant satin gown trimmed in alençon lace really wouldn't be well-suited to a bouquet of daisies, but a demure dotted Swiss gown might look lovely with this simple type of floral arrangement.

Flowers Unlimited offers many books illustrating different styles and arrangements of flowers. Mrs. Loiseau will even demonstrate the proper way to carry your bouquet.

Will you be wearing a veil? Some of today's brides are choosing hats or are just wearing flowers in their hair. Mrs. Loiseau and her staff will share their expertise regarding these popular options as well.

The staff has just completed a wedding which featured silks on lovely lace fans. Many brides are using silk flowers today because they make beautiful keepsakes. When asked about this new idea in wedding bouquets, Mrs. Loiseau says, "Silks are very popular, true, but fresh flowers are still number one."

Flowers Unlimited will also aid in the selection of flowers for decorating the church and, if you wish, the reception hall. Whenever possible, the shop will deliver to the church.

Mrs. Loiseau can also help you create a beautiful setting with flowers and candelabras for an evening wedding, which seems to be very popular now.

Let's not forget the groom and his role in this event. Flowers Unlimited suggests that, for perfect coordination, the groom's boutonniere be made from something included in the bride's bouquet.

Is there one flower which seems to be more popular than any of the others? "Not really," says Mrs. Loiseau, "but stefanotis and roses will never lose their popularity."

So all you lucky brides-to-be, turn your dreams of a perfect wedding day into reality by visiting Flowers Unlimited in the Suffield Village Shops, Suffield, Connecticut. You will be delighted with the results of such a visit.



ANN JOHNSON models a wedding dress created by Sue Ashe and quilted by Diane Parenteau at the Piecemakers Quilt Shop in Feeding Hills.

A Labor of Love: Quilting Your Own Wedding Gown

By Sue Ashe
Piecemakers Quilt Shop

Truly a labor of love, this quilted wedding gown was designed by Sue Ashe of the Piecemakers Quilt Shop and quilted and sewn by Diane Parenteau of Westfield, a Piecemaker. The gown is made of off-white satin. The skirt was quilted by hand in a diagonal pattern. At the intersection of each quilting line was quilted in a pearl. There are close to 3,000 pearls in the dress.

The bodice was left plain with a scalloped low neckline. Around the edge of the bodice are pearls which form a tear drop in the center. The sleeves are of chiffon with quilted cuffs trimmed with a satin ruffle. The bottom of the dress also has a satin ruffle to finish off the edge.

The headpiece was also hand quilted with quilted in pearls. As an accent, babies breath was added to the headpiece. The dress took 244 woman hours over a 10 month period to complete. This wedding dress was modeled by Ann Johnston of Springfield in the Quilt Fashion Show at Storowton Village October 1981.

The gown was also shown at the Quilt Festival and Market in Houston, Texas November 1981. It was modeled by Marcia McCormick-Snyder and was the big finale of the fashion show there. It will be modeled again, Friday, May 7, 1982 at the Piecemakers Pageant at the Stagecoach Barn at Storowton Village, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Wedding Traditions Changing!!!

Many old traditions surrounding the wedding contract have been merged with newer ones as we get on into the 80's. Although individual attitudes vary, the general trend in the United States today seems to be towards a traditional, somewhat old-fashioned approach to marriage.

Customs such as the prospective groom asking his fiancée's father for her hand in marriage or the bride throwing her bouquet for some unmarried wedding guest to catch distinctly resemble customs of the past. Among other older traditions receiving current use are formal wedding attire, flowers for church and reception, and food and drink ordered for the reception.

Newer traditions include composing, individual wedding vows, vows which do not include a woman "yielding" to the man, and writing out one's own invitations. Weddings still do hold such importance in today's society that it is estimated that 26 million couples will wed this decade.

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Crawford Bridal Offers Variety Of Enchanting Apparel

By Rita White

According to Claire Fiorentino of Crawford Bridal House in Southwick, brides are now returning to the traditional look.

The gowns are showcasing "an old-fashioned almost Gibson girl look" with lace as the accent, Claire tells us.

Handmade lace, or made into a dainty-ruffle to grace a neckline or the edge of the hemline, is now the trend. Some of the gowns have a delicate touch of lace in all major spots but always the picture is an understated fashion rather than a striking feature itself.

Gone from the 1982 Brides' Look is the ornate, sometimes evenly heavily sequinned, stage type fashion predominating the scene for a few years.

The lace and beading are lightly done to give a delicate, feminine portrayal.

Natural fabrics, specifically cotton voile with the antique look built into the fabric itself, have made a splashing reappearance to the bridal scene.

This fabric lends itself to a simpler dress, which while it is a traditional avenue to take, is not as formal a picture as the more elegant chiffon fashion.

Natural waistlines billowing out into full skirts complete the feminine look.

Necklines have departed from the decollete in favor of the more subdued Queen Anne neckline. The main fashion will be a higher one.

Sleeves, according to Claire, are displayed from the short full puffed little one to the dashing elegant Bishop sleeve with its tight-fitted wristband swelling out into a full bouffant sleeve easing gently into the shoulder.

Veils and mantillas are being featured with some bridal gowns. Claire says the mantillas and veils are either lace trimmed or all lace.

Jackets are also being featured. Fitted or bolero type jackets may be worn over an open evening type gown either with spaghetti thin straps or completely strapless, converting the wedding gown later to a very formal ballgown.

Lace jackets and sheer chiffon jackets completely devoid of trimming discreetly reveal a lace trimmed bodice on the gown under the sheer jacket.

"Simplicity, unless it is a very formal wedding, is the picture, but this simplicity is elegant and traditional," says Claire.

Claire assured us that Crawford Bridal House can expertly assist the bride-to-be and her entire attendants. "Our aim is to ensure that the bride looks beautiful and will have memories of her gown for many, many years," Claire said.

Hats are becoming very big this year, almost all having brims. Some are reminiscent of the picture hat but not in straw as much as in lace blending fabrics with matching gowns.

Both pump style shoes and the open high heeled sandals for the nice weather are being shown to accessorize the bride.

Bridesmaid dresses follow the bridal look. Soft shades, primarily in solid colors, are top in fashion for the bridesmaids. Orchid is back on the scene.

Other accessories noted by the bridal shop are pearl



TRADITIONAL BRIDAL GOWNS such as the one modeled above are available at Crawford Bridal House to enchant any bride on her special day. Photo by Jack Devine.



ANOTHER FORMAL GOWN which may be seen at Crawford Bridal House is the one displayed above which surely will bring a lovely look to any bride. Photo by Jack Devine.

necklaces, gloves of cotton, lace and even hand-crocheted, lace fans for the formal weddings and even lace parasols which match gowns are on the bridal scene.

Because your wedding day is the most important day of your life, how you look and carry yourself will help make this day one of happy, happy memories.

Traveling Tips

Whether traveling near or far on your honeymoon trip, plan to travel light, taking only what you will need. According to the climate you're heading into, you will want good-looking blouses, skirts, slacks, shirts, and undergarments of the most carefree fabrics you can find.

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Touchette's Catering Serves With Pride

The engagement ring is on your finger. What comes next? First on the agenda would be to sit down and decide just what type of wedding you want to have, how many people you intend to invite, and how much money you feel you can spend. Now, before you go chasing around trying to figure out all those other details, call TOUCHETTE'S CATERING.

Touchette's Catering has been in the business a long time. Back in 1959, Touchette's was giving bridal shows to demonstrate and help the future bride. You'll have to go a long way to find anyone as experienced as Touchette's when it comes to planning. They have handled everything from a cold cut platter for a business luncheon meeting to the opening of Bay State West which meant three days of activities and planning for 12,000 people.

When you call Touchette's Catering, Mr. Robert Touchette will be more than happy to come to your home and discuss everything with you. He can recommend the ideal place to hold your wedding reception. He is familiar with most of the places in the area and knows their facilities, the number of people they will hold comfortably, what will suit your needs. He can recommend bands, bakeries, and counsel you on your invites, color schemes in line with your color choice for the wedding, and things that you might otherwise spend a lot of wasted time on.

Aside from the reception itself, you may be thinking of having food prepared for home after for those people who like to continue on the celebration. Again, this can all be handled.

Touchette's Catering is prepared to handle anything you want from a small buffet up to a complete gourmet meal. And you can be assured that what he tells you will be included is indeed included. He has many pictures of previous occasions which he can show which will not only give you confidence in his work, but may help you decide certain things yourself.

The main thing to remember is to plan early enough. A year really is not too long to be planning a wedding when you have to consider booking a church, getting a hall for the reception, getting a band, aside from planning the gowns, flowers, guests, etc. It is a major undertaking.

The next thing is to contact your caterer and explain exactly what you have in mind and then sit down with him and make your plans. Bob Touchette can be a big help in making that special day be a happy memory.

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BOB'S MOST RECENT VENTURE, supplying the food and professional hospitality to members of the CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM this past Monday night at St. John's Parish Center, will readily attest to the fact that Bob Touchette can put out a mouth-watering dinner fit for any occasion.



BOB IS VERY PROUD OF HIS SON, Jeff Allen who often gives a helping hand whenever his Dad goes out on a job. At a party, people always make their way to Bob's kitchen to express their delight with his food and service.

65 Years Of Happy Marriage For Chapmans

By Rita White

For better, for worse; in sickness and in health. On March 8, 1917, William and Eunice Chapman made this vow to each other. Sixty-five years later, they are still keeping that vow.

Compared to some short-lived marriages of today this marriage appears to be something of a miracle. Is it a miracle? Is there some magic ingredient, some big secret? The Chapmans don't think so.

The difference between the Chapmans and so many couples of today is that they believe that when you take a vow, it is meant to be kept. Obviously in 65 years, there have been some years better than others. They, like everyone else, have had their share of sickness and problems, but they married each other with the intention of staying together for a lifetime. When problems came their way, they worked them out instead of copping out.

Eunice Chapman feels her place is in the home, though there was a period during the 40's when William was ill and she worked at American Bosch for thirteen years. A traditionalist, she believes it's important to be at home when children return from school.

William Chapman has worked at various jobs during his lifetime, including work for Agawam's town and school departments, employment at Riverside Park, and farming, which he particularly enjoyed. Until last year, he maintained a garden of which he was very proud.

The Chapmans do not regard themselves as special people. They claim to have led very ordinary lives. Eunice likes television and used to love cooking and sewing. William always enjoyed hunting and fishing and has been a member of the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club for some time.

Of the Chapmans' six children, five are still living. Son Charles and daughter Betty live in New Hampshire; Erwin lives here in Agawam, and daughters Helen and Ruth reside in Indiana. The Chapmans boast thirteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, a figure which will soon become fourteen.

The children will attest to the closeness which has gone into their parents' sixty-five year marriage. They have always felt they were a family, even when scat-



AFTER 65 Years, William and Eunice Chapman are continuing their sacred vow to each other. Both believe in more traditional approaches to married life. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

tered across different states.

Today, William and Eunice are still living alone and doing for themselves. He has decided to take over cooking chores much of the time, and the reputation his meatloaf enjoys increases constantly.

For those of you out there contemplating joining the ranks of married couples, take heart. You can indeed enjoy a full lifetime together and know that the scale will definitely tip on the good side if you're willing to work at life. The Chapmans are living proof.

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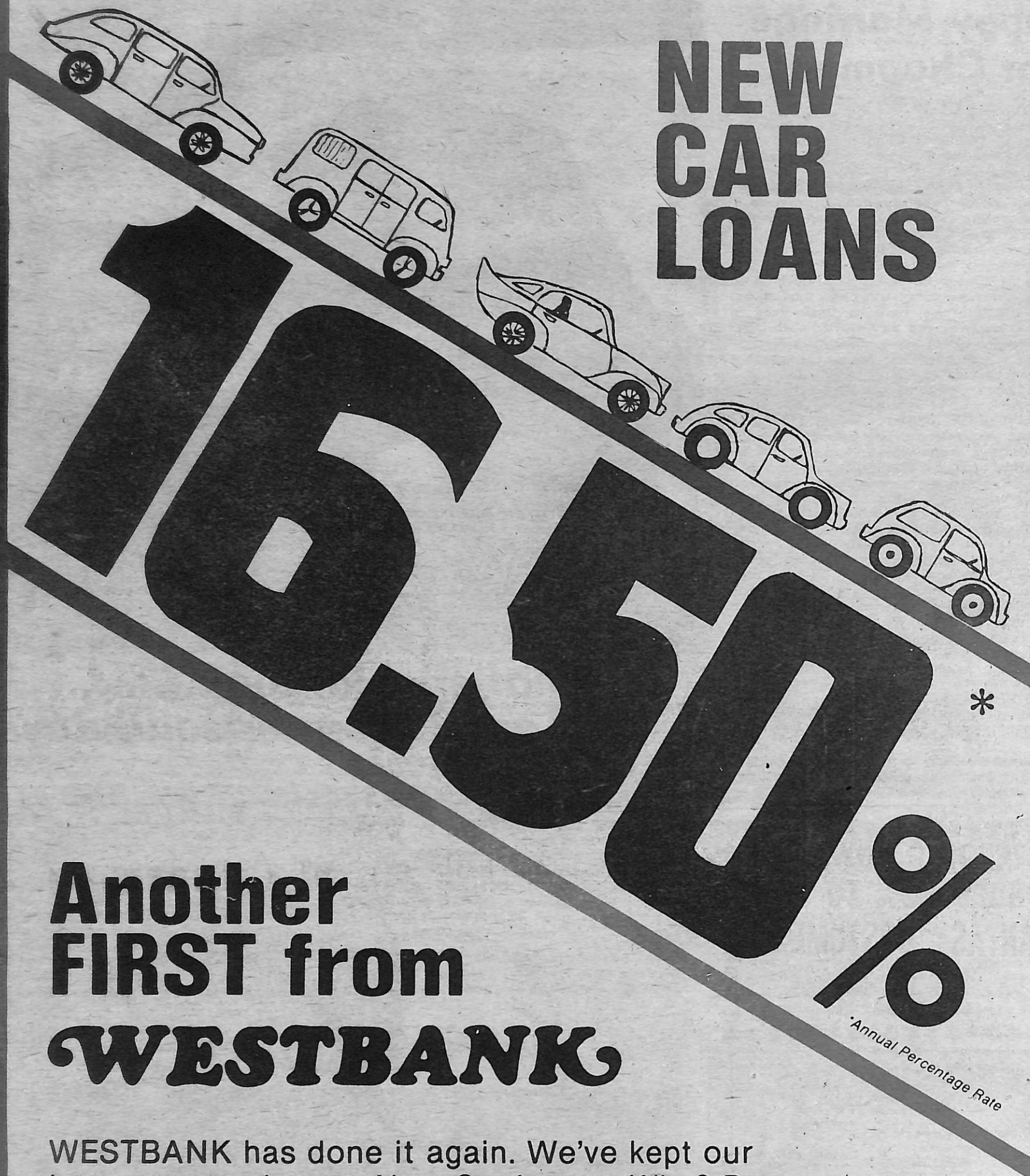
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